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Present Day. Luke Cage's New Avengers are settling in to life at Avengers Mansion. But as the team begins to gel, Norman Osborn's H.A.M.M.E.R. is secretly rebuilding. Stopping these bad guys will test the New Avengers with death and betrayal — and bring a startling revelation regarding Nick Fury and his 1959 Avengers Initiative.

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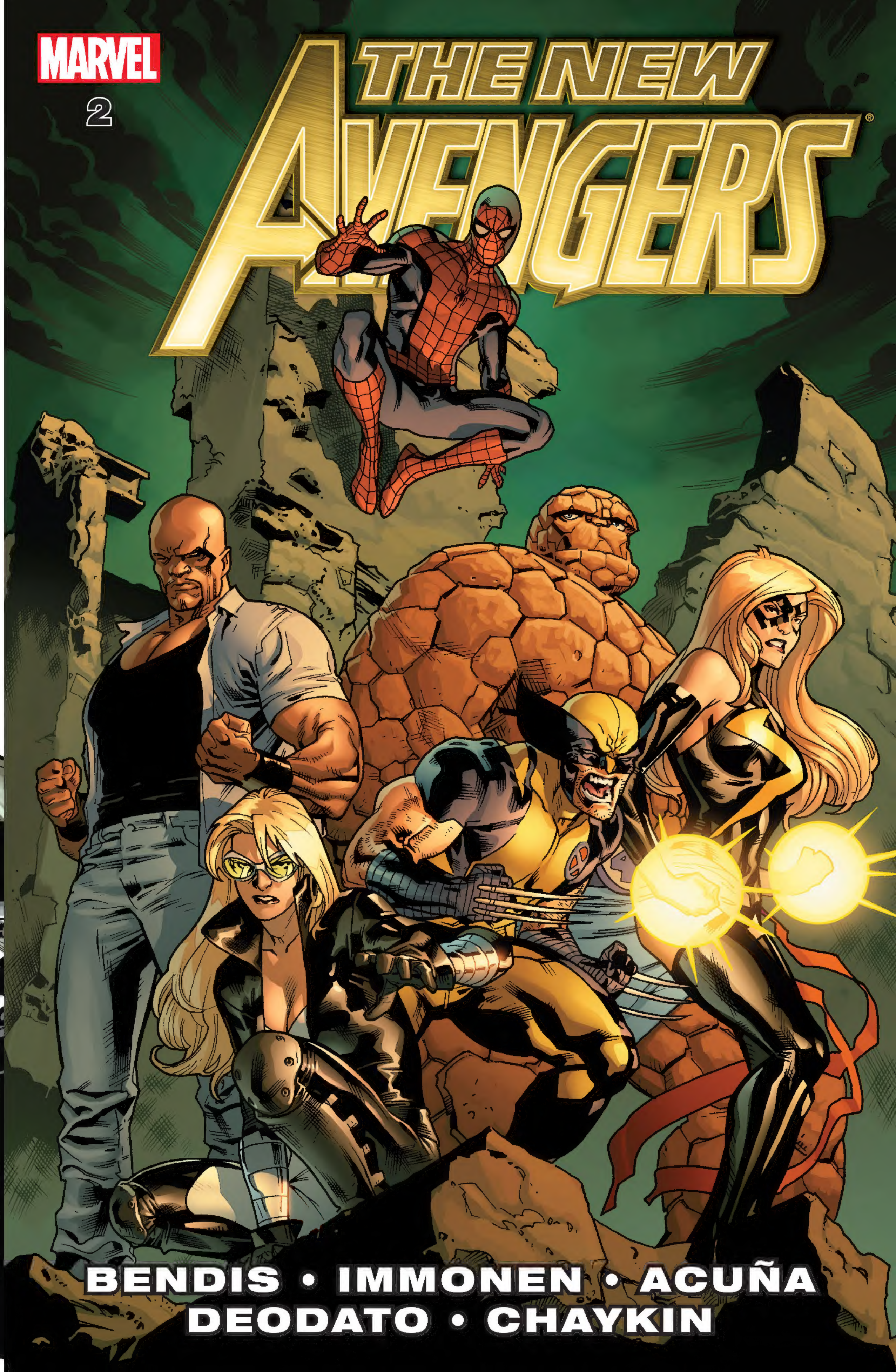

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EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES, UNITED AGAINST A COMMON THREAT! ON THAT DAY THE AVENGERS WERE BORN, TO FIGHT FOES THAT NO SINGLE HERO COULD WITHSTAND!

LUKE CAGE

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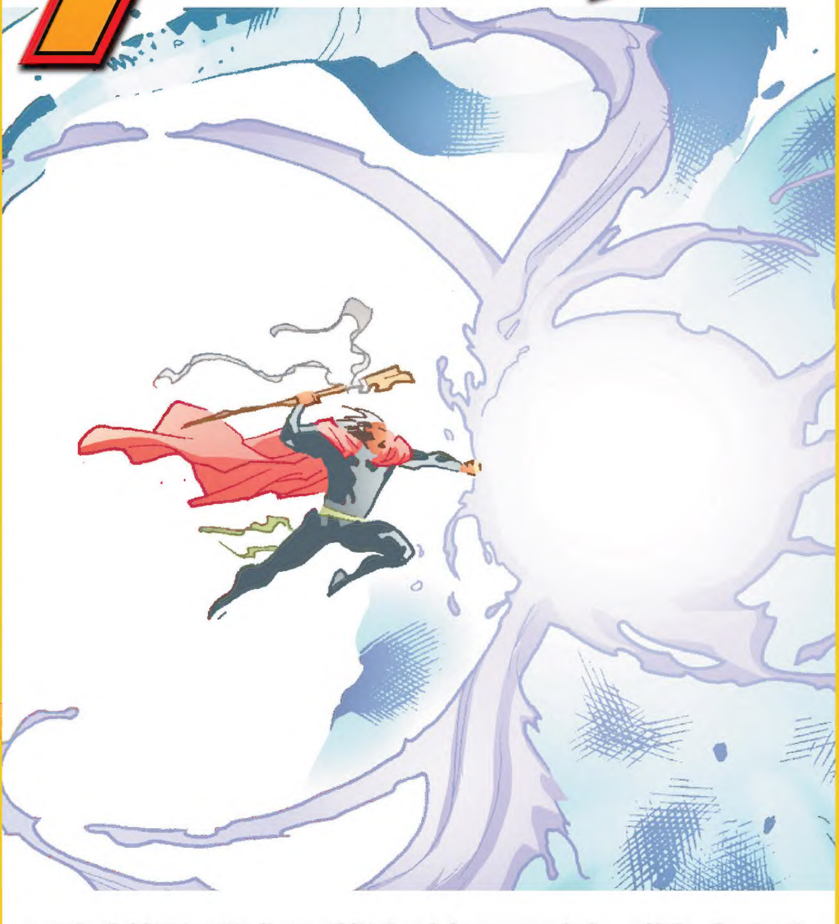
IRON FIST

SPIDER-MAN



WOLVERINE

DR. STRANGE

MOCKINGBIRD

JESSICA JONES

VICTORIA HAND

AVENGERS COMMANDER STEVE ROGERS HAS GIVEN LUKE CAGE, JESSICA JONES, MS. MARVEL, MOCKINGBIRD, SPIDER-MAN, WOLVERINE, IRON FIST AND THE THING THE KEYS TO AVENGERS MANSION, A LIAISON IN THE CONTROVERSIAL FORM OF VICTORIA HAND, AND FREE REIN TO PROTECT THE WORLD ANY WAY THEY SEE FIT.

THE AVENGERS DISCOVER THE ONCE-GREAT FORMER SORCERER SUPREME AGAMOTTO NEEDS HIS ENCHANTED EYE BACK TO PROTECT HIM FROM THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE MYSTICAL VISHANTI AND TRIES EVERYTHING FROM DIMENSIONAL ATTACK TO MANIPULATION TO TRY AND GET IT BACK.

CURRENT SORCERER SUPREME DOCTOR VOODOO SACRIFICES HIMSELF TO PROTECT THE WORLD FROM AGAMOTTO'S VICIOUS ATTACKS. THE SPIRIT OF VOODOO'S BROTHER, DANIEL DRUMM, WITNESSES HIS BROTHER'S DEATH AND SWEARS VENGEANCE ON DOCTOR STRANGE AND THE COLLECTED AVENGERS.

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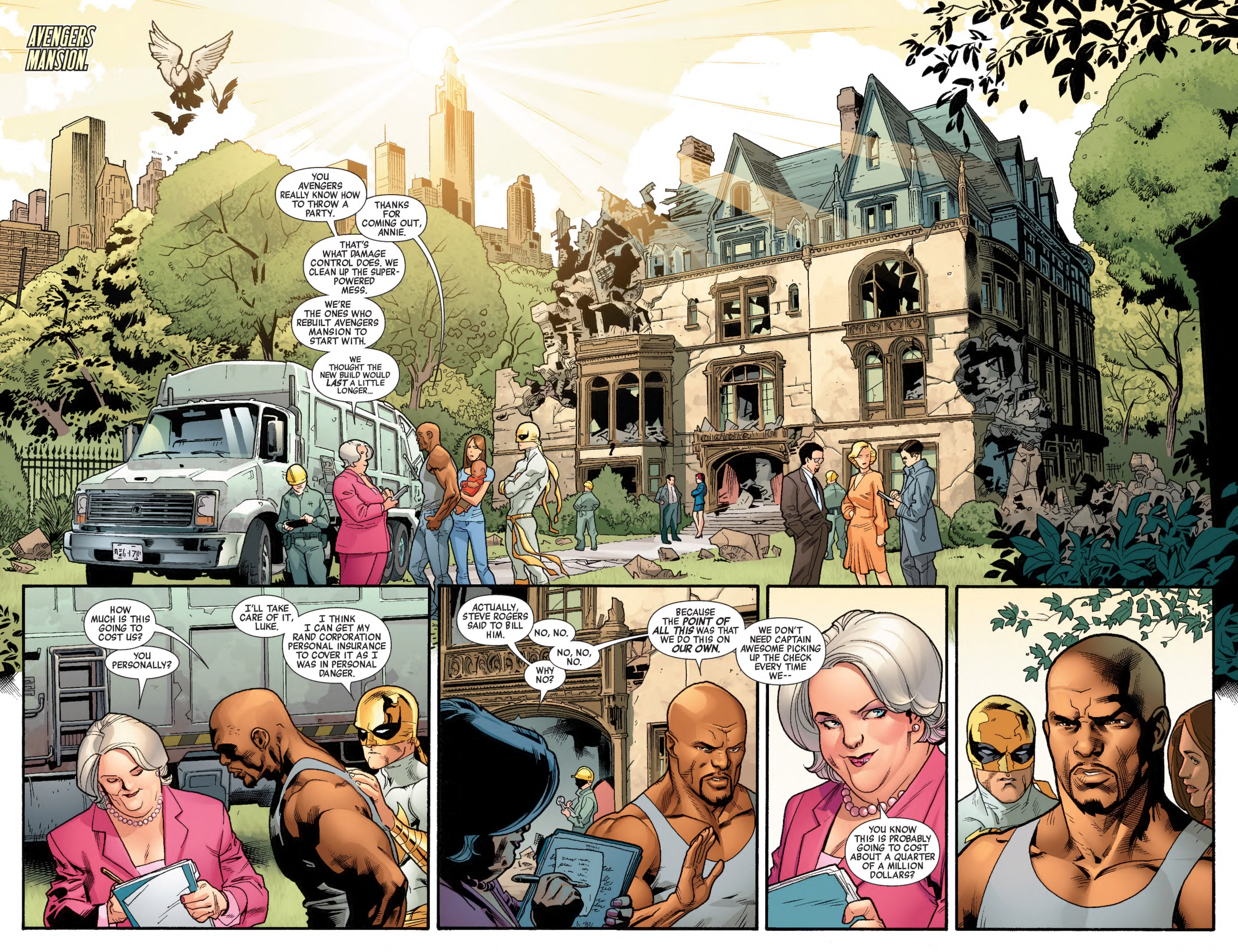
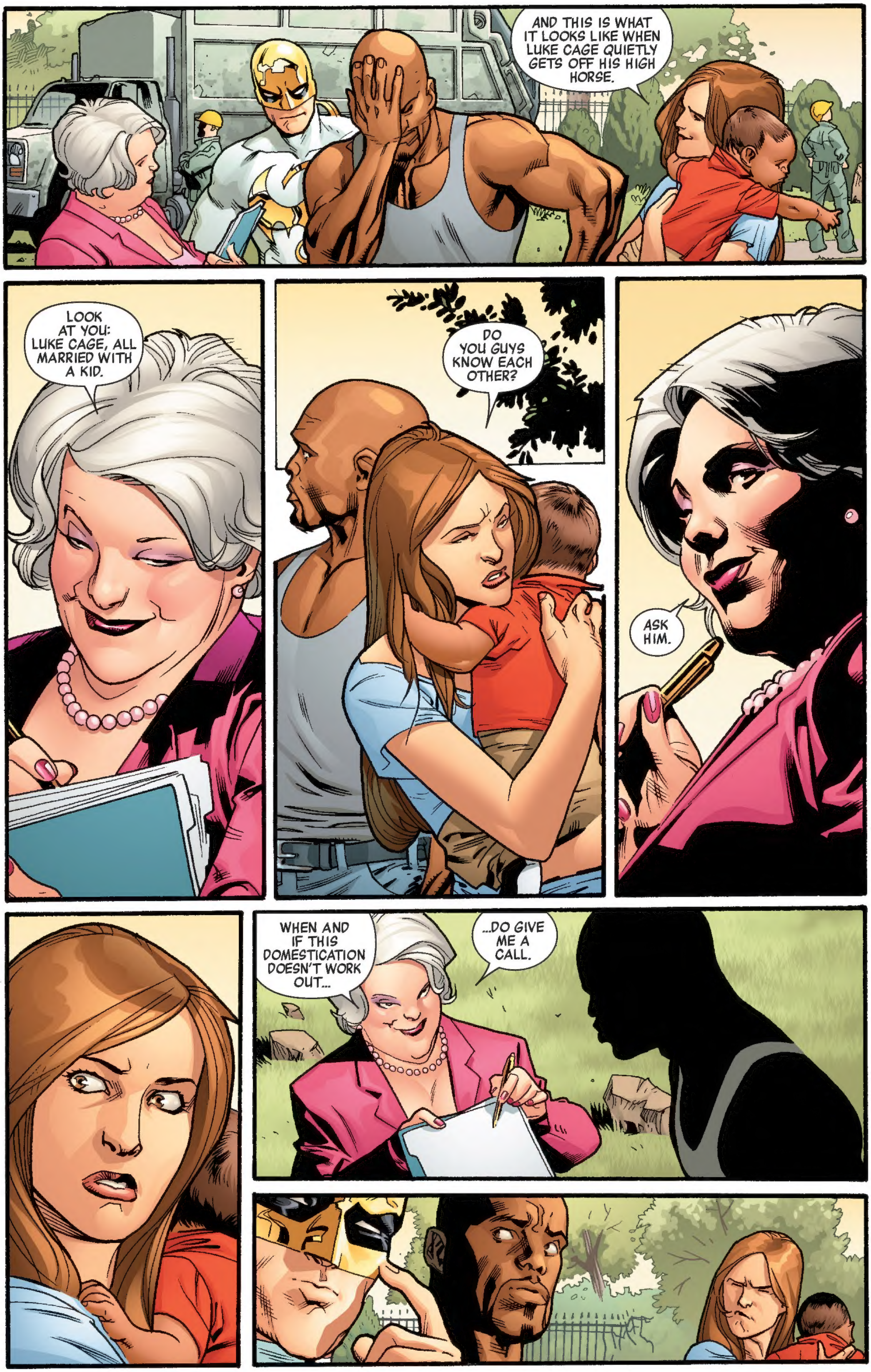
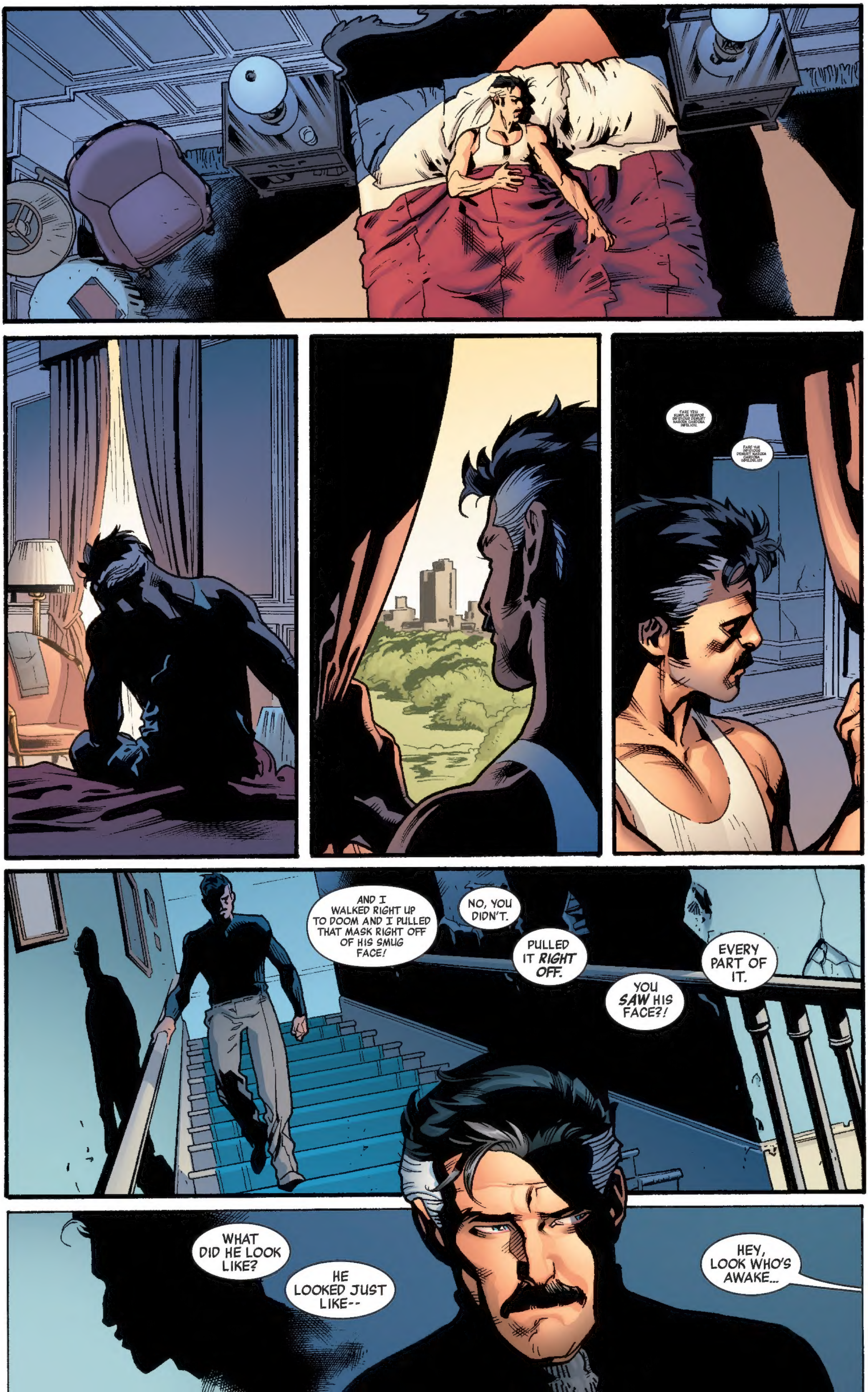
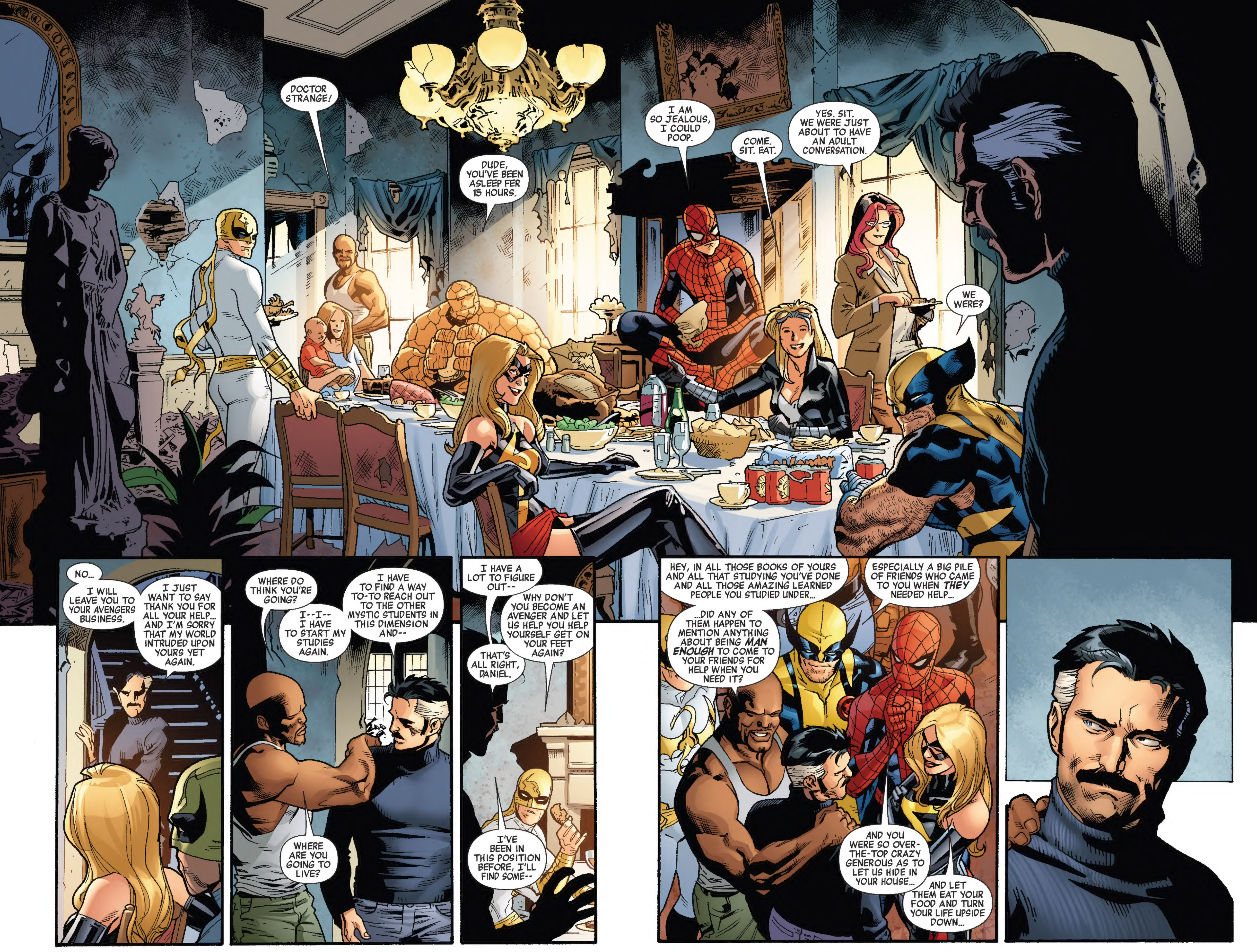
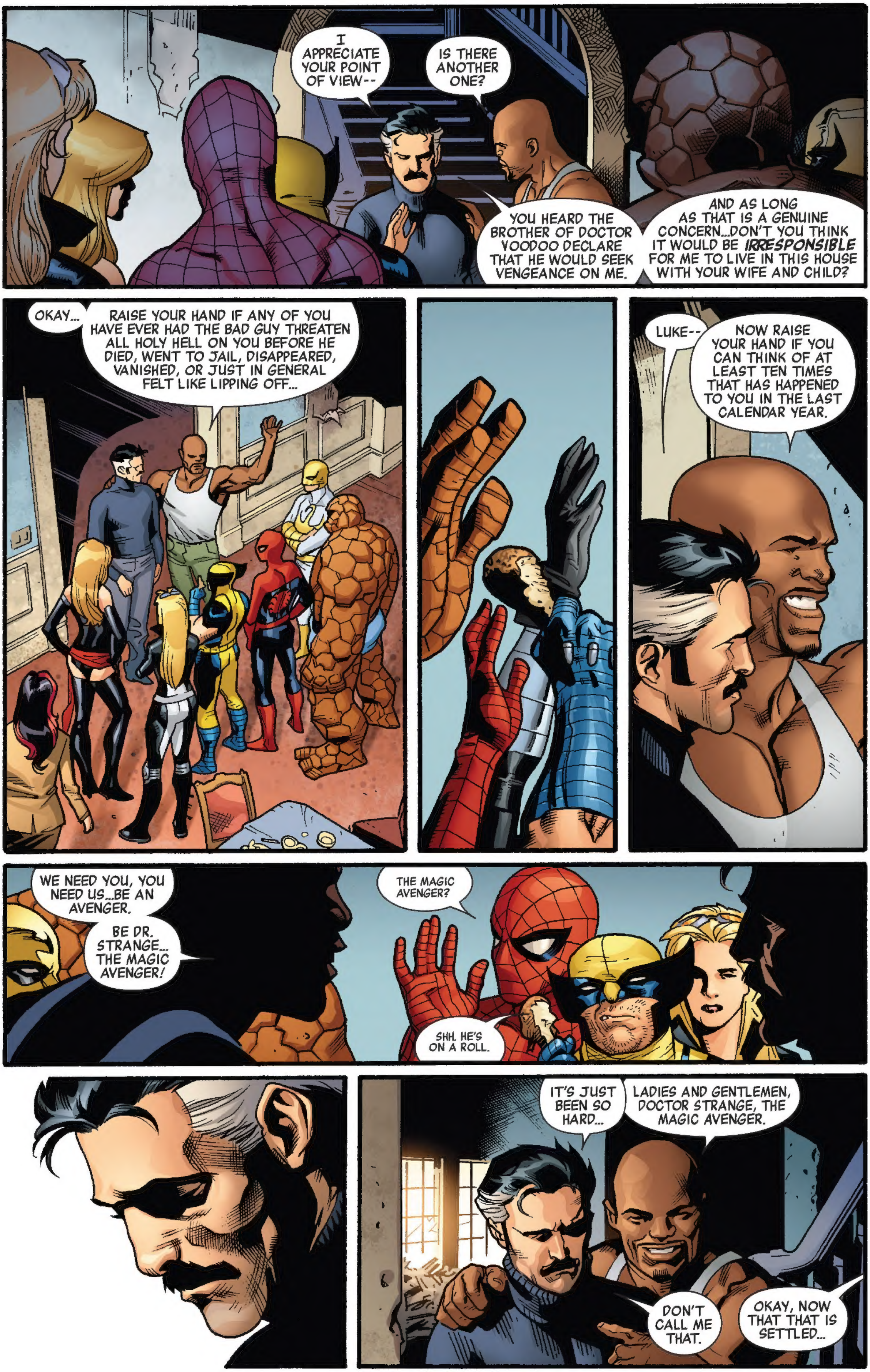
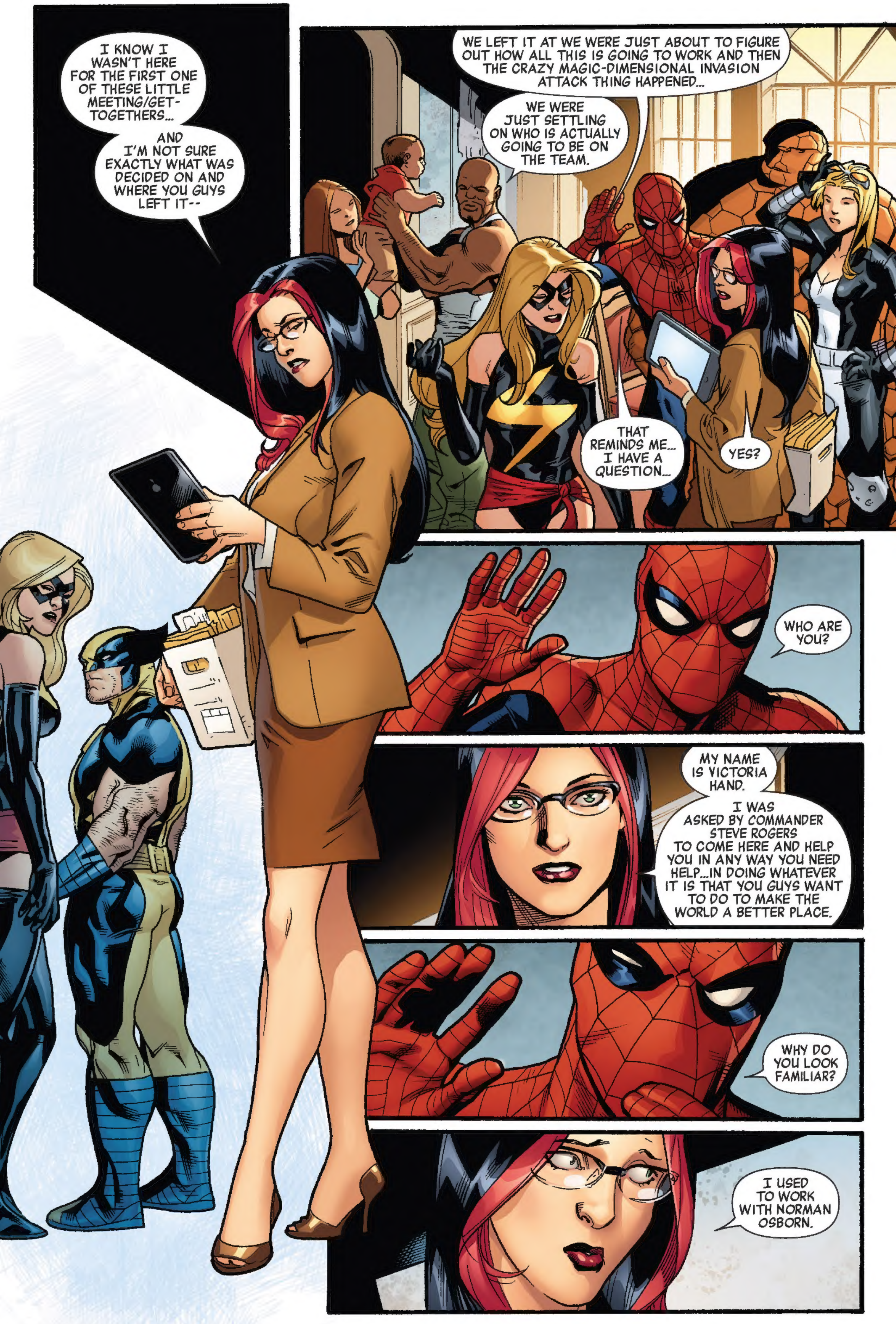

AVENGERS MANSION.
YOU AVENGERS REALLY KNOW HOW TO THROW A PARTY.
THANKS FOR COMING OUT, ANNIE.
THAT'S WHAT DAMAGE CONTROL DOES. WE CLEAN UP THE SUPER-POWERED MESS.
WE'RE THE ONES WHO REBUILT AVENGERS MANSION TO START WITH.
WE THOUGHT THE NEW BUILD WOULD *LAST* A LITTLE LONGER...
HOW MUCH IS THIS GOING TO COST US?
YOU PERSONALLY?
I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT, LUKE.
I THINK I CAN GET MY RAND CORPORATION PERSONAL INSURANCE TO COVER IT AS I WAS IN PERSONAL DANGER.
ACTUALLY, STEVE ROGERS SAID TO BILL HIM.
NO, NO.
NO, NO, NO.
WHY NO?
BECAUSE THE **POINT OF ALL THIS** WAS THAT WE DO THIS ON **OUR OWN.**
WE DON'T NEED CAPTAIN AWESOME PICKING UP THE CHECK EVERY TIME WE--
YOU KNOW THIS IS PROBABLY GOING TO COST ABOUT A QUARTER OF A MILLION DOLLARS?

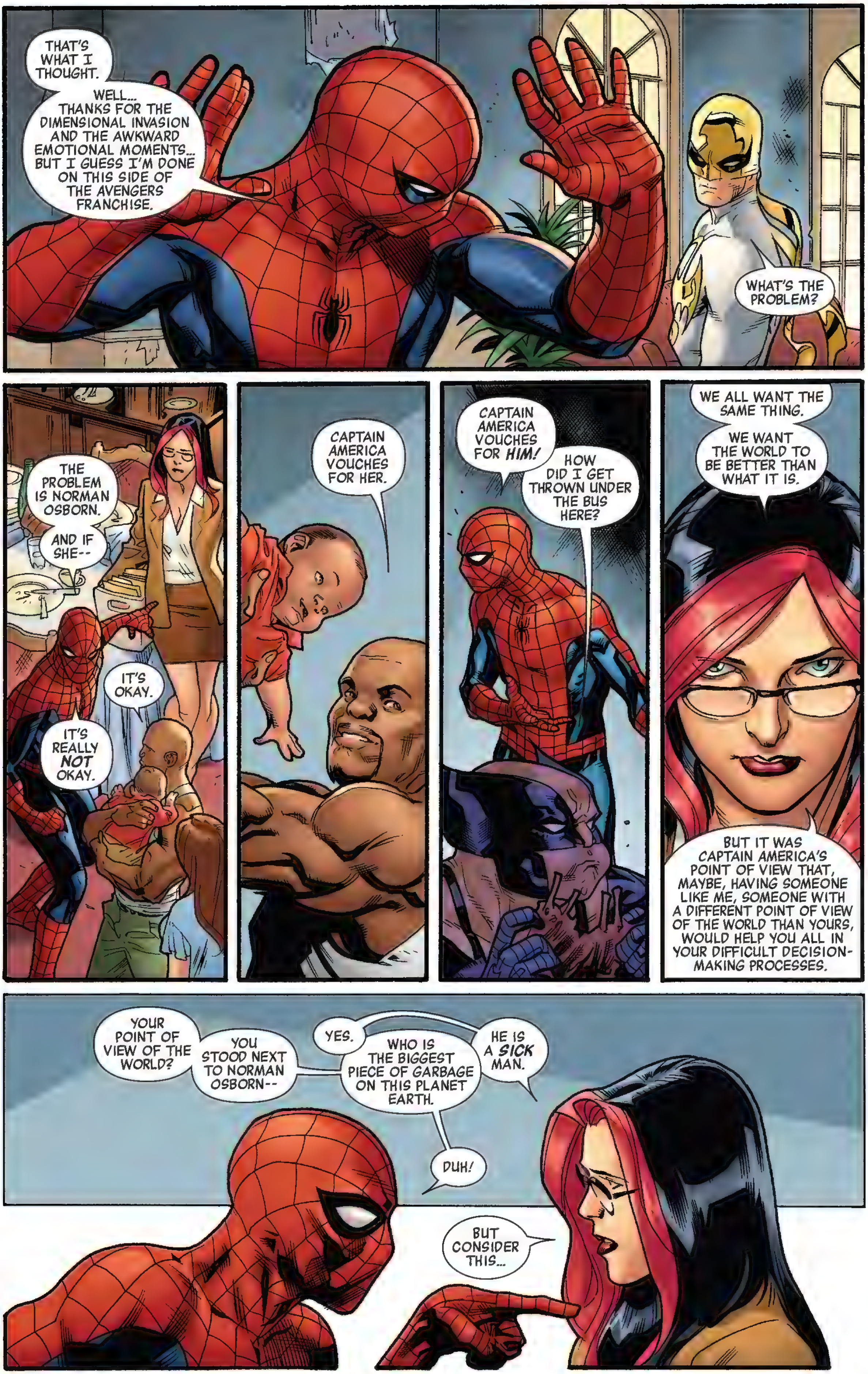

AND THIS IS WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE WHEN LUKE CAGE QUIETLY GETS OFF HIS HIGH HORSE.
LOOK AT YOU: LUKE CAGE, ALL MARRIED WITH A KID.
DO YOU GUYS KNOW EACH OTHER?
ASK HIM.
WHEN AND IF THIS DOMESTICATION DOESN'T WORK OUT...
...DO GIVE ME A CALL.

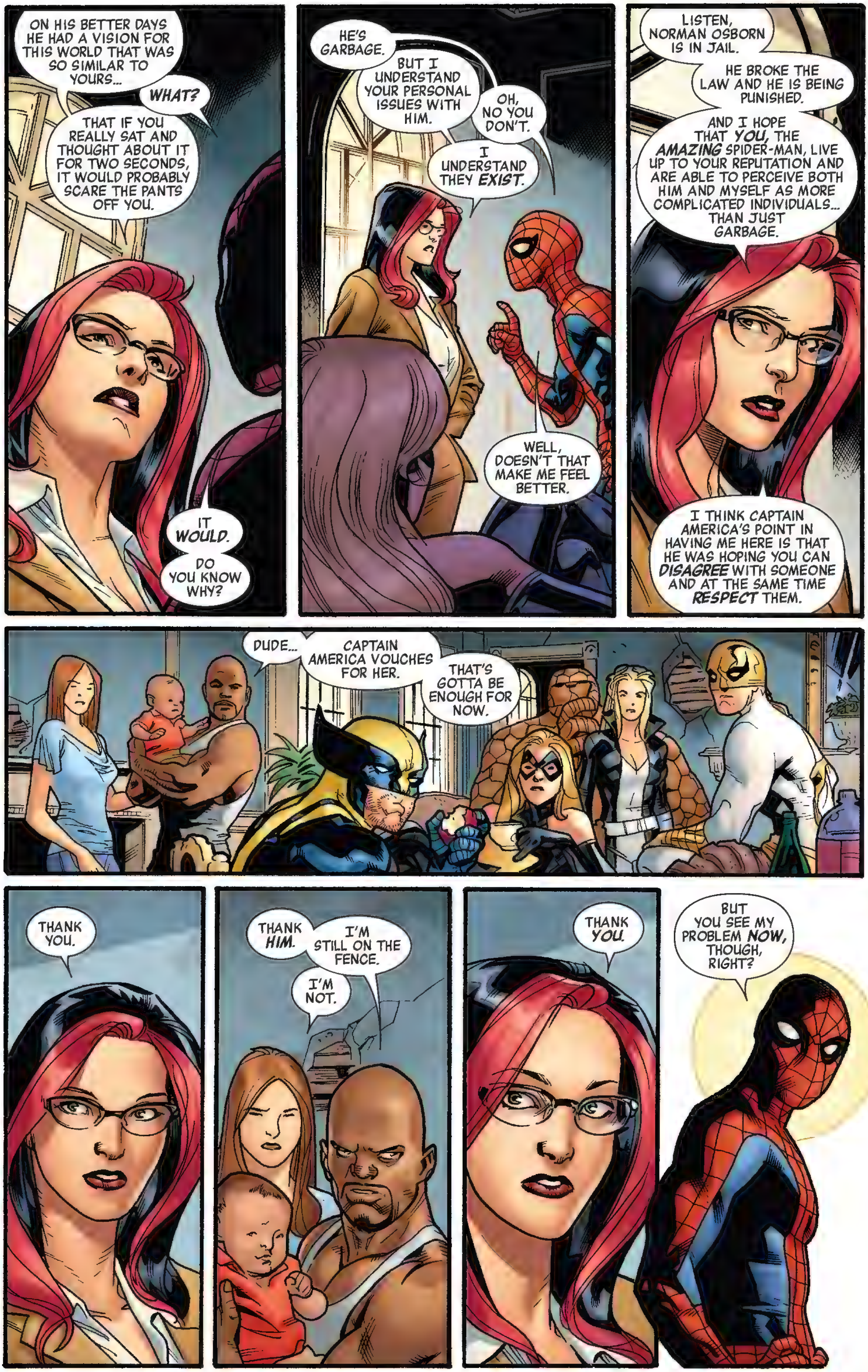

FARE TRU HUMPLIN KEMPOR INFIDIOUS DEMURT NARCODA CARDOBA INFELICIU.
FARE YUR INFIDIOUS DEMURT NARCODA CARDOBA INFELDIELIS?
AND I WALKED RIGHT UP TO DOOM AND I PULLED THAT MASK RIGHT OFF OF HIS SMUG FACE!
NO, YOU DIDN'T.
PULLED IT *RIGHT OFF.*
YOU *SAW* HIS FACE?!
EVERY PART OF IT.
WHAT DID HE LOOK LIKE?
HE LOOKED JUST LIKE--
HEY, LOOK WHO'S AWAKE...

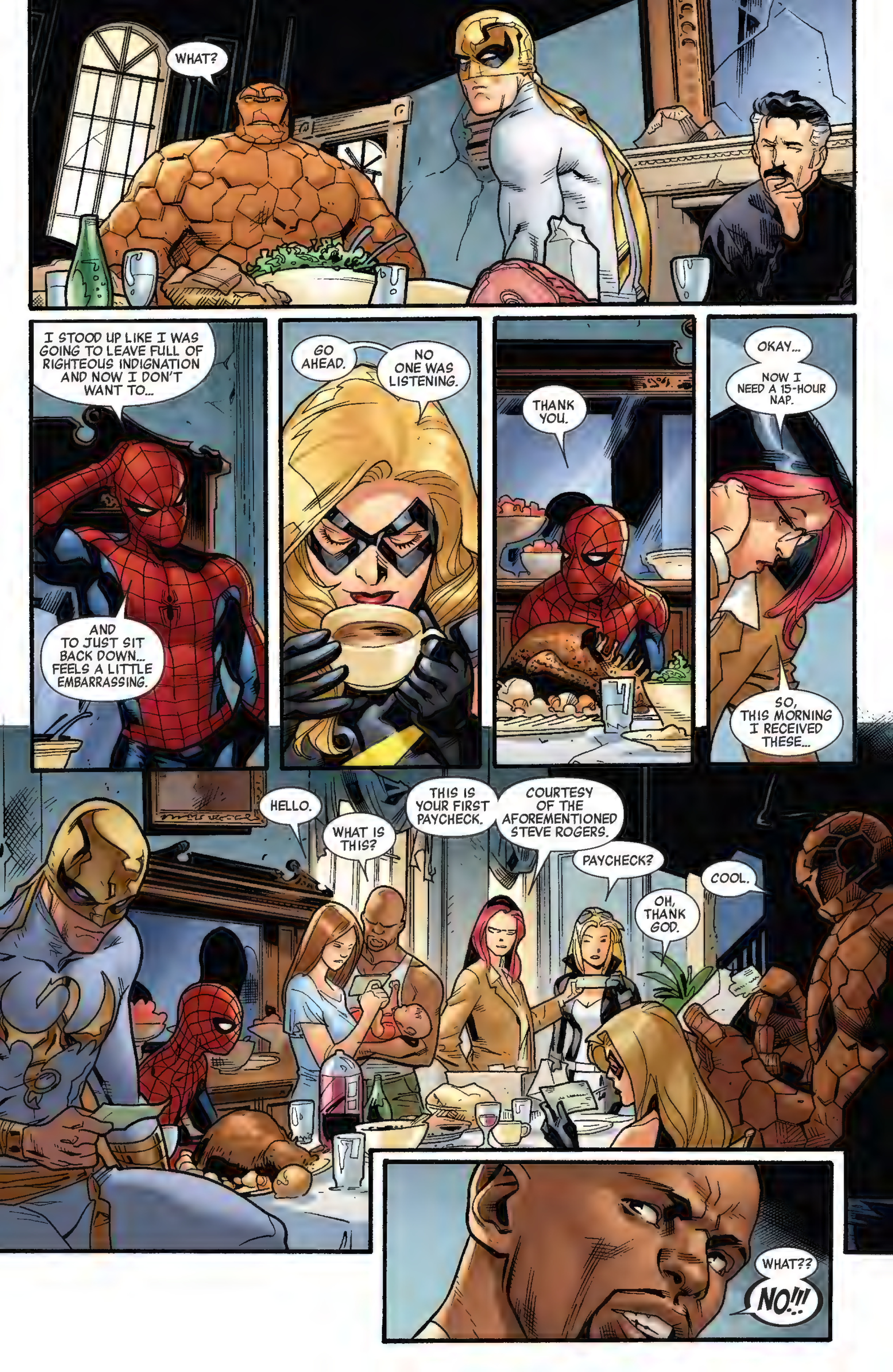

DOCTOR STRANGE!
DUDE, YOU'VE BEEN ASLEEP FER 15 HOURS.
I AM SO JEALOUS, I COULD POOP.
COME. SIT. EAT.
YES. SIT. WE WERE JUST ABOUT TO HAVE AN ADULT CONVERSATION.
WE WERE?
NO... I WILL LEAVE YOU TO YOUR AVENGERS BUSINESS.
I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP... AND I'M SORRY THAT MY WORLD INTRUDED UPON YOURS YET AGAIN.
WHERE DO THINK YOU'RE GOING?
I--I-- I HAVE TO START MY STUDIES AGAIN.
I HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO-TO REACH OUT TO THE OTHER MYSTIC STUDENTS IN THIS DIMENSION AND--
WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO LIVE?
I HAVE A LOT TO FIGURE OUT--
WHY DON'T YOU BECOME AN AVENGER AND LET US HELP YOU HELP YOURSELF GET ON YOUR FEET AGAIN?
THAT'S ALL RIGHT, DANIEL.
I'VE BEEN IN THIS POSITION BEFORE, I'LL FIND SOME--
HEY, IN ALL THOSE BOOKS OF YOURS AND ALL THAT STUDYING YOU'VE DONE AND ALL THOSE AMAZING LEARNED PEOPLE YOU STUDIED UNDER...
...DID ANY OF THEM HAPPEN TO MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT BEING *MAN ENOUGH* TO COME TO YOUR FRIENDS FOR HELP WHEN YOU NEED IT?
ESPECIALLY A BIG PILE OF FRIENDS WHO CAME TO YOU WHEN *THEY* NEEDED HELP...
AND YOU WERE SO OVER-THE-TOP CRAZY GENEROUS AS TO LET US HIDE IN YOUR HOUSE...
AND LET THEM EAT YOUR FOOD AND TURN YOUR LIFE UPSIDE DOWN...

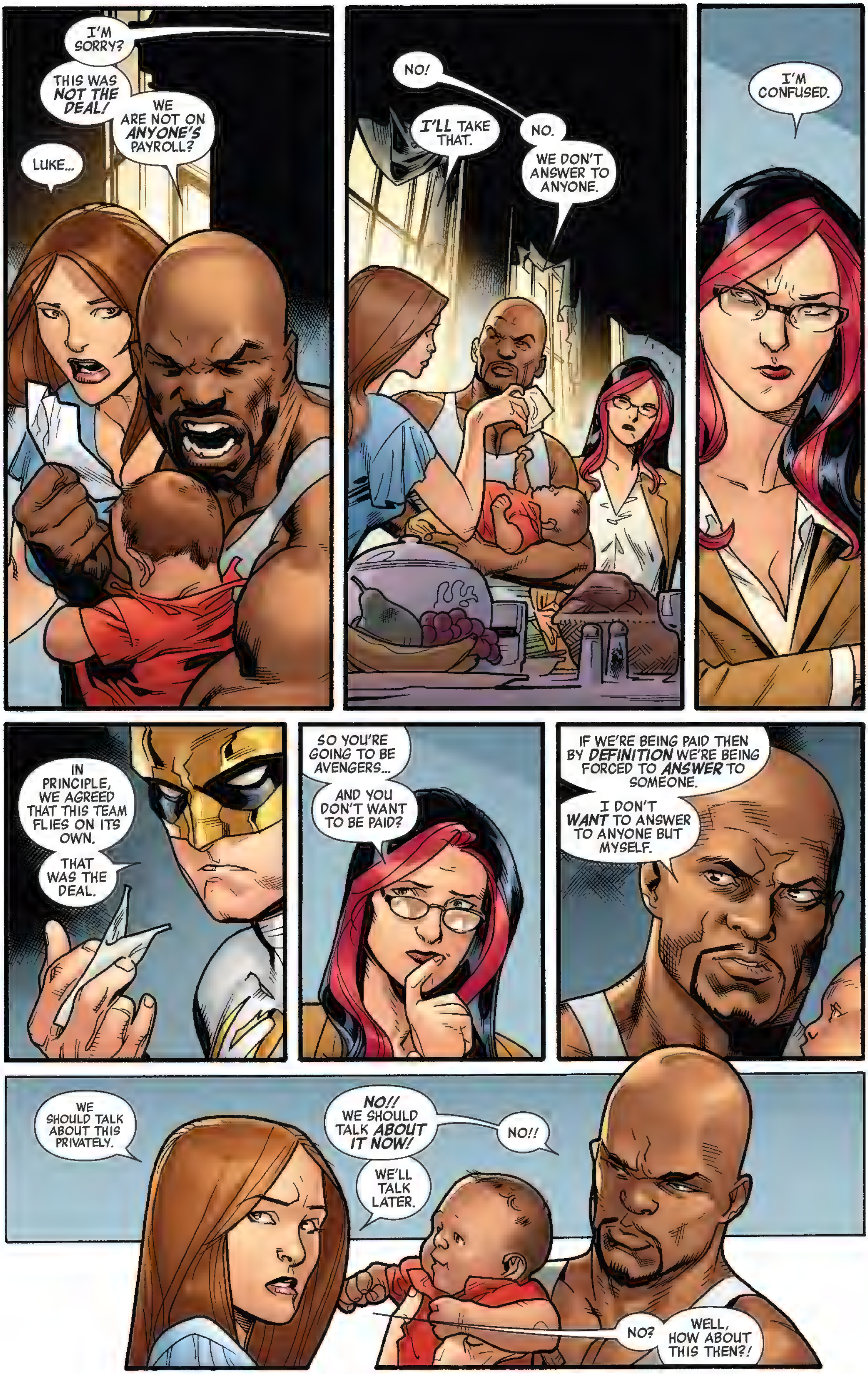

I APPRECIATE YOUR POINT OF VIEW--
IS THERE ANOTHER ONE?
YOU HEARD THE BROTHER OF DOCTOR VOODOO DECLARE THAT HE WOULD SEEK VENGEANCE ON ME.
AND AS LONG AS THAT IS A GENUINE CONCERN...DON'T YOU THINK IT WOULD BE IRRESPONSIBLE FOR ME TO LIVE IN THIS HOUSE WITH YOUR WIFE AND CHILD?
OKAY...
RAISE YOUR HAND IF ANY OF YOU HAVE EVER HAD THE BAD GUY THREATEN ALL HOLY HELL ON YOU BEFORE HE DIED, WENT TO JAIL, DISAPPEARED, VANISHED, OR JUST IN GENERAL FELT LIKE LIPPING OFF...
LUKE--
NOW RAISE YOUR HAND IF YOU CAN THINK OF AT LEAST TEN TIMES THAT HAS HAPPENED TO YOU IN THE LAST CALENDAR YEAR.
WE NEED YOU, YOU NEED US...BE AN AVENGER.
BE DR. STRANGE... THE MAGIC AVENGER!
THE MAGIC AVENGER?
SHH. HE'S ON A ROLL.
IT'S JUST BEEN SO HARD...
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, DOCTOR STRANGE, THE MAGIC AVENGER.
DON'T CALL ME THAT.
OKAY, NOW THAT THAT IS SETTLED...

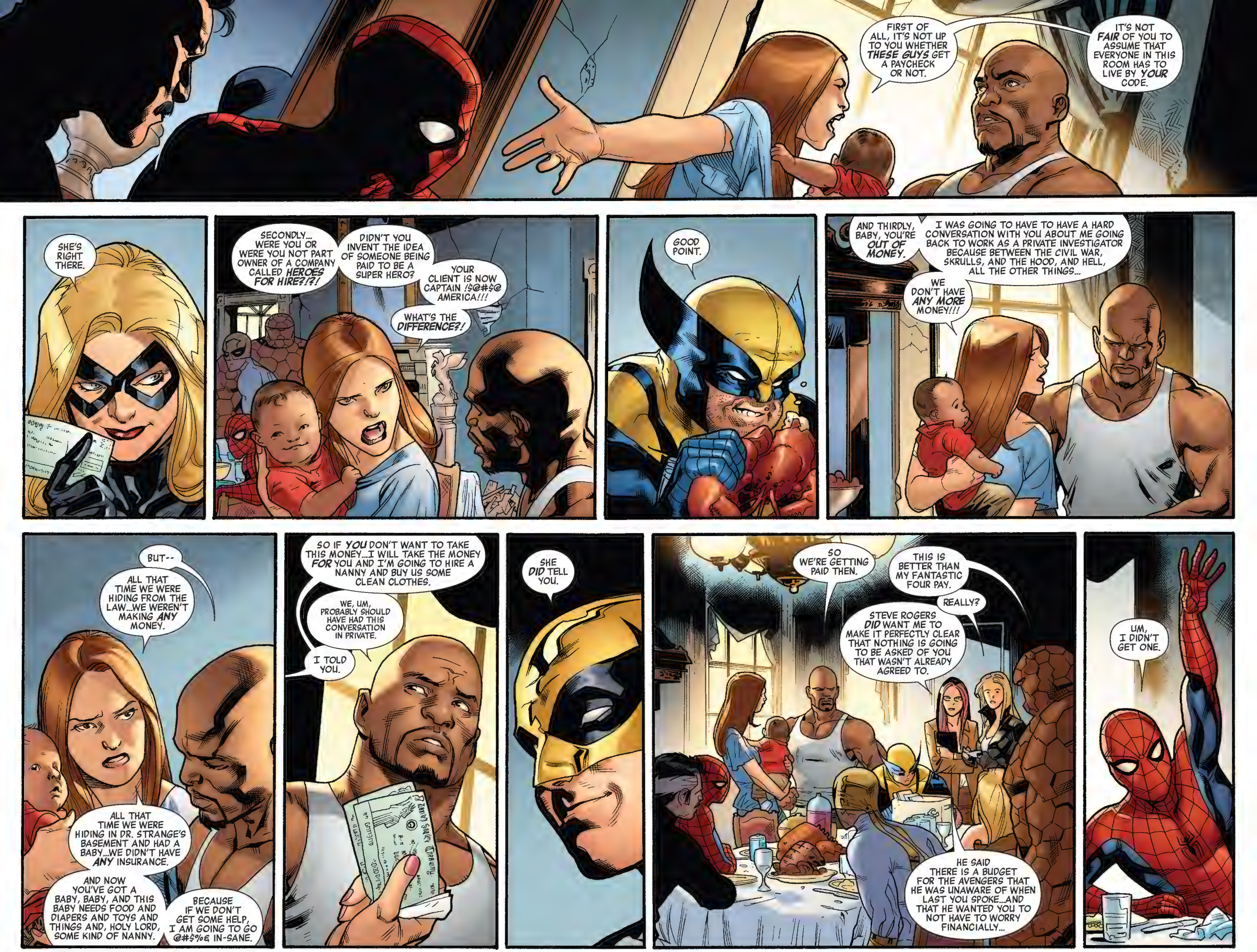

I KNOW I WASN'T HERE FOR THE FIRST ONE OF THESE LITTLE MEETING/GET-TOGETHERS...
AND I'M NOT SURE EXACTLY WHAT WAS DECIDED ON AND WHERE YOU GUYS LEFT IT--
WE LEFT IT AT WE WERE JUST ABOUT TO FIGURE OUT HOW ALL THIS IS GOING TO WORK AND THEN THE CRAZY MAGIC-DIMENSIONAL INVASION ATTACK THING HAPPENED...
WE WERE JUST SETTLING ON WHO IS ACTUALLY GOING TO BE ON THE TEAM.
THAT REMINDS ME... I HAVE A QUESTION...
YES?
WHO ARE YOU?
MY NAME IS VICTORIA HAND.
I WAS ASKED BY COMMANDER STEVE ROGERS TO COME HERE AND HELP YOU IN ANY WAY YOU NEED HELP...IN DOING WHATEVER IT IS THAT YOU GUYS WANT TO DO TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE.
WHY DO YOU LOOK FAMILIAR?
I USED TO WORK WITH NORMAN OSBORN.

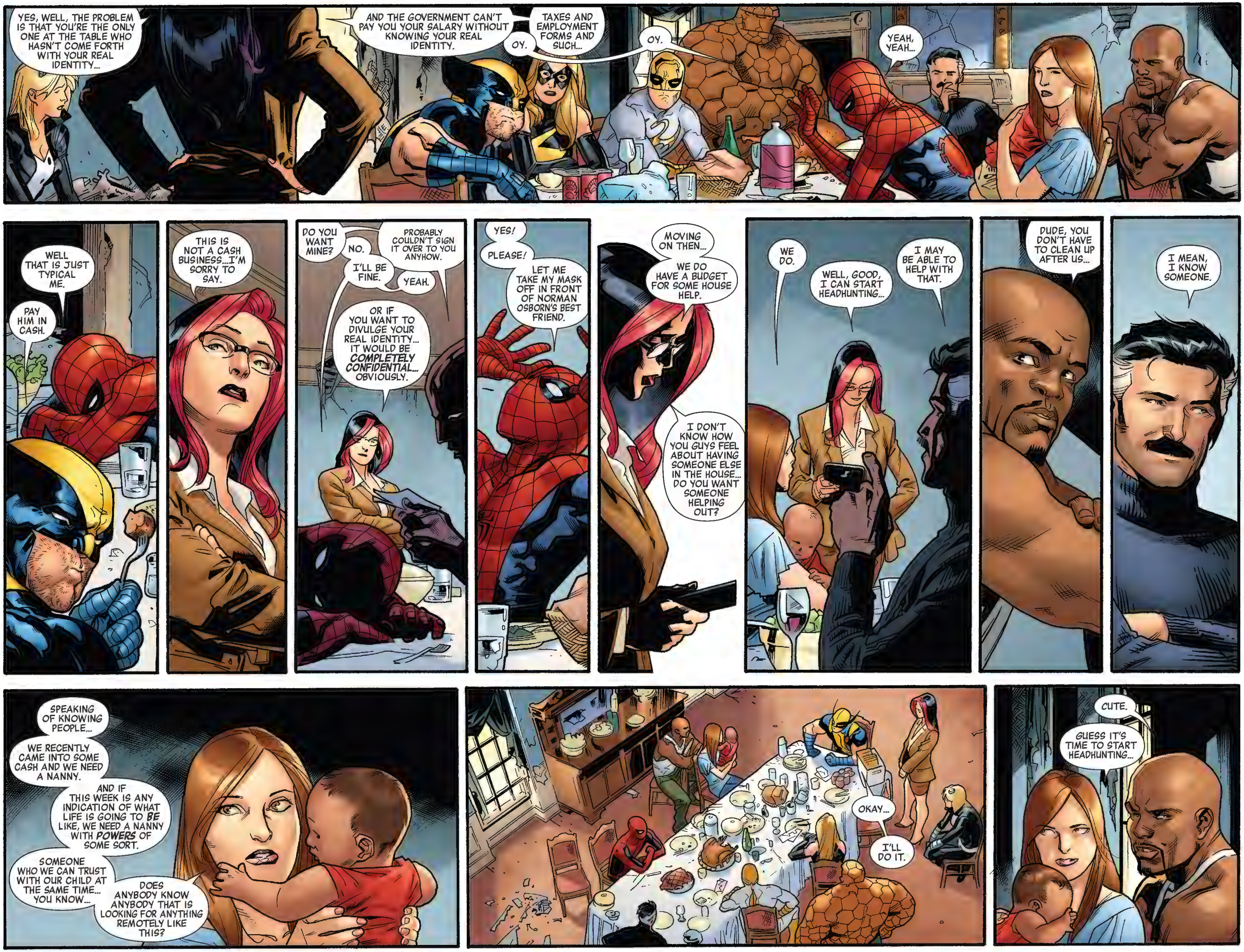

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.
WELL... THANKS FOR THE DIMENSIONAL INVASION AND THE AWKWARD EMOTIONAL MOMENTS... BUT I GUESS I'M DONE ON THIS SIDE OF THE AVENGERS FRANCHISE.
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
THE PROBLEM IS NORMAN OSBORN.
AND IF SHE--
IT'S OKAY.
IT'S REALLY *NOT* OKAY.
CAPTAIN AMERICA VOUCHES FOR HER.
CAPTAIN AMERICA VOUCHES FOR *HIM!*
HOW DID I GET THROWN UNDER THE BUS HERE?
WE ALL WANT THE SAME THING.
WE WANT THE WORLD TO BE BETTER THAN WHAT IT IS.
BUT IT WAS CAPTAIN AMERICA'S POINT OF VIEW THAT, MAYBE, HAVING SOMEONE LIKE ME, SOMEONE WITH A DIFFERENT POINT OF VIEW OF THE WORLD THAN YOURS, WOULD HELP YOU ALL IN YOUR DIFFICULT DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES.
YOUR POINT OF VIEW OF THE WORLD?
YOU STOOD NEXT TO NORMAN OSBORN--
YES.
WHO IS THE BIGGEST PIECE OF GARBAGE ON THIS PLANET EARTH.
HE IS A *SICK* MAN.
DUH!
BUT CONSIDER THIS...

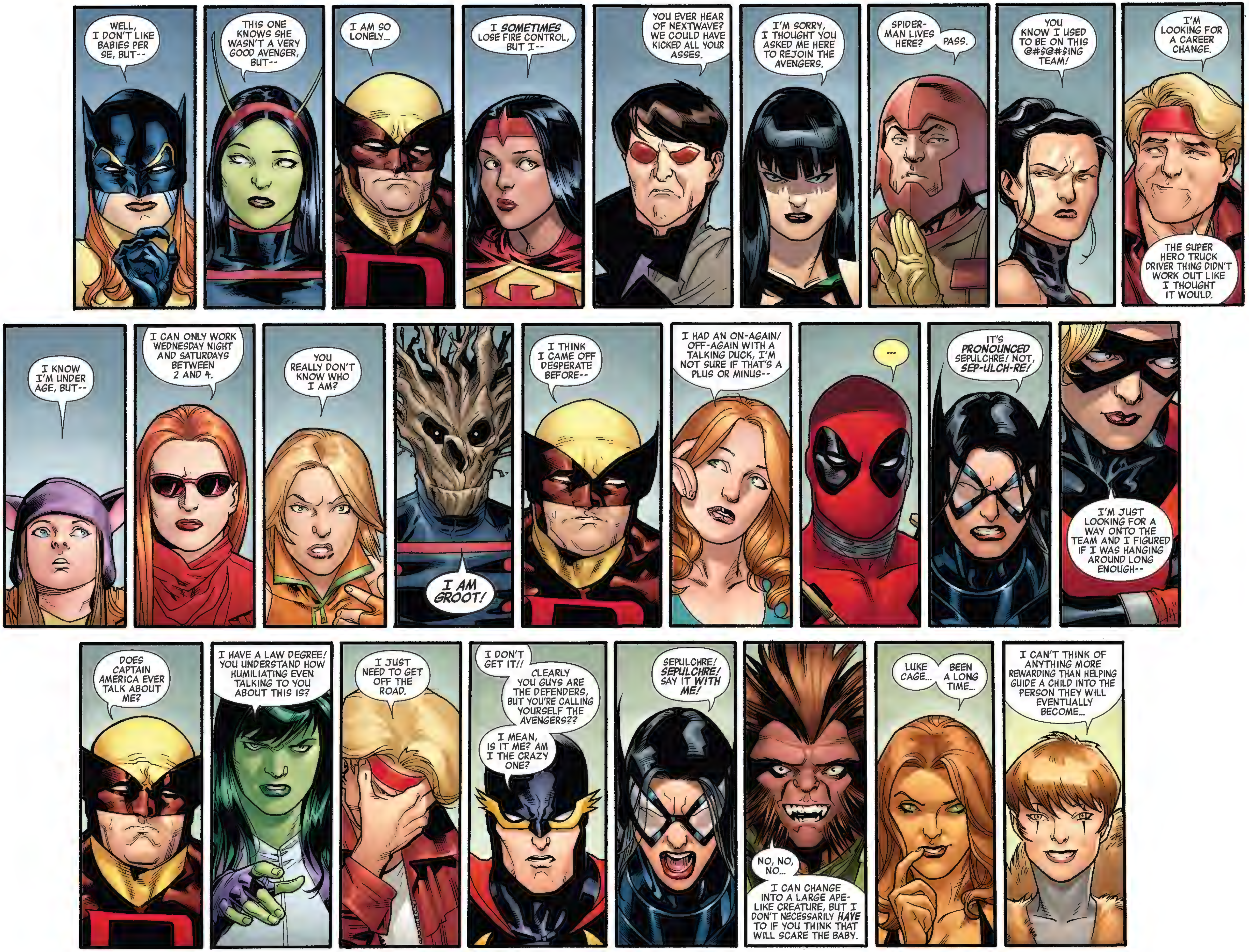

ON HIS BETTER DAYS HE HAD A VISION FOR THIS WORLD THAT WAS SO SIMILAR TO YOURS...
WHAT?
THAT IF YOU REALLY SAT AND THOUGHT ABOUT IT FOR TWO SECONDS, IT WOULD PROBABLY SCARE THE PANTS OFF YOU.
IT *WOULD.*
DO YOU KNOW WHY?
HE'S GARBAGE.
BUT I UNDERSTAND YOUR PERSONAL ISSUES WITH HIM.
OH, NO YOU DON'T.
I UNDERSTAND THEY *EXIST.*
WELL, DOESN'T THAT MAKE ME FEEL BETTER.
LISTEN, NORMAN OSBORN IS IN JAIL.
HE BROKE THE LAW AND HE IS BEING PUNISHED.
AND I HOPE THAT *YOU,* THE ***AMAZING*** SPIDER-MAN, LIVE UP TO YOUR REPUTATION AND ARE ABLE TO PERCEIVE BOTH HIM AND MYSELF AS MORE COMPLICATED INDIVIDUALS... THAN JUST GARBAGE.
I THINK CAPTAIN AMERICA'S POINT IN HAVING ME HERE IS THAT HE WAS HOPING YOU CAN ***DISAGREE*** WITH SOMEONE AND AT THE SAME TIME ***RESPECT*** THEM.
DUDE...
CAPTAIN AMERICA VOUCHES FOR HER.
THAT'S GOTTA BE ENOUGH FOR NOW.
THANK YOU.
THANK *HIM.*
I'M STILL ON THE FENCE.
I'M NOT.
THANK *YOU.*
BUT YOU SEE MY PROBLEM *NOW,* THOUGH, RIGHT?

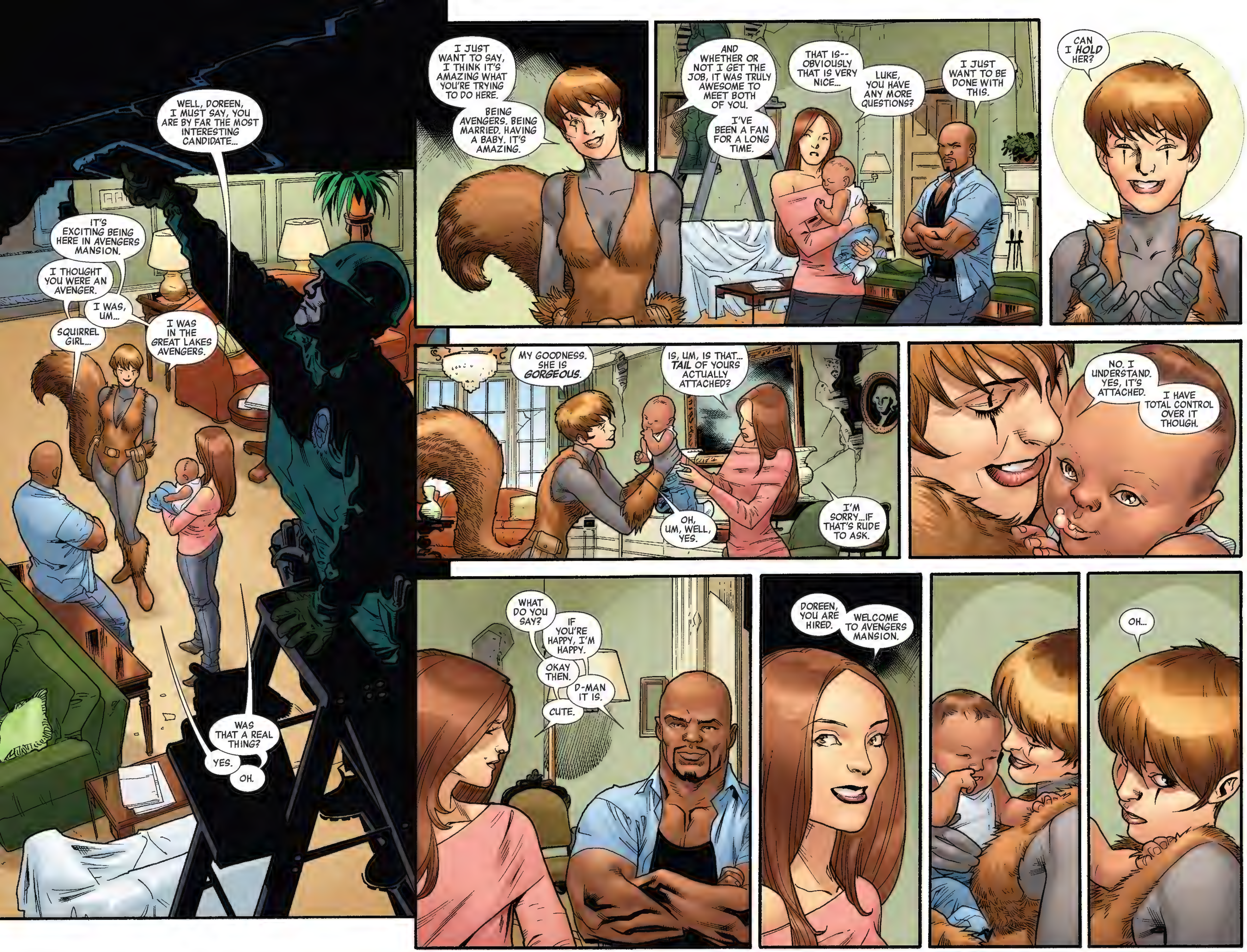

WHAT?
I STOOD UP LIKE I WAS GOING TO LEAVE FULL OF RIGHTEOUS INDIGNATION AND NOW I DON'T WANT TO...
AND TO JUST SIT BACK DOWN... FEELS A LITTLE EMBARRASSING.
GO AHEAD.
NO ONE WAS LISTENING.
THANK YOU.
OKAY...
NOW I NEED A 15-HOUR NAP.
SO, THIS MORNING I RECEIVED THESE...
HELLO.
WHAT IS THIS?
THIS IS YOUR FIRST PAYCHECK.
COURTESY OF THE AFOREMENTIONED STEVE ROGERS.
PAYCHECK?
OH, THANK GOD.
COOL.
WHAT??
NO!!!

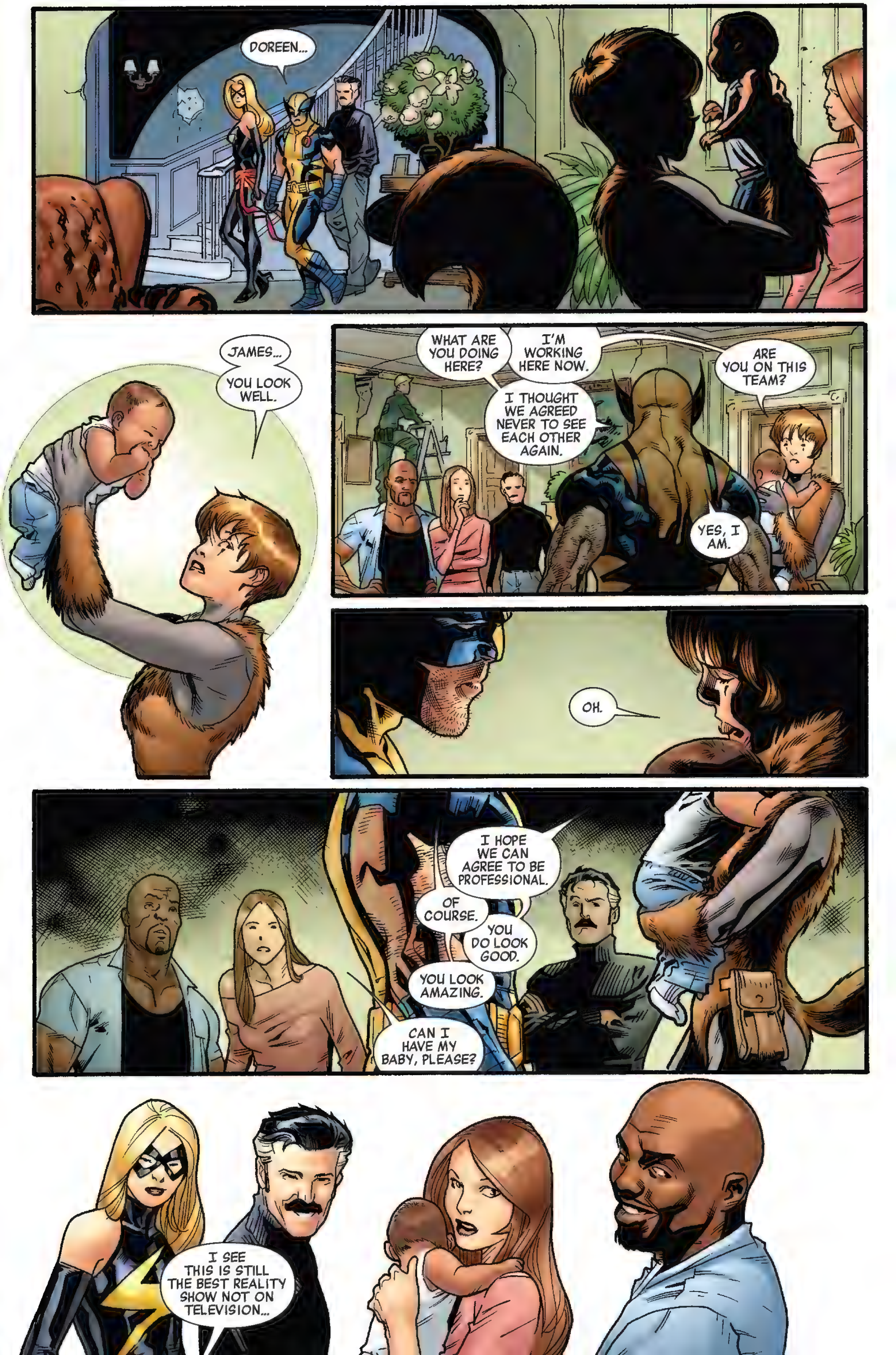

I'M SORRY?
THIS WAS *NOT THE DEAL!*
WE ARE NOT ON *ANYONE'S* PAYROLL?
LUKE...
NO!
I'LL TAKE THAT.
NO.
WE DON'T ANSWER TO ANYONE.
I'M CONFUSED.
IN PRINCIPLE, WE AGREED THAT THIS TEAM FLIES ON ITS OWN.
THAT WAS THE DEAL.
SO YOU'RE GOING TO BE AVENGERS...
AND YOU DON'T WANT TO BE PAID?
IF WE'RE BEING PAID THEN BY *DEFINITION* WE'RE BEING FORCED TO *ANSWER* TO SOMEONE.
I DON'T *WANT* TO ANSWER TO ANYONE BUT MYSELF.
WE SHOULD TALK ABOUT THIS PRIVATELY.
NO!! WE SHOULD TALK *ABOUT IT NOW!*
NO!!
WE'LL TALK LATER.
NO?
WELL, HOW ABOUT THIS THEN?!

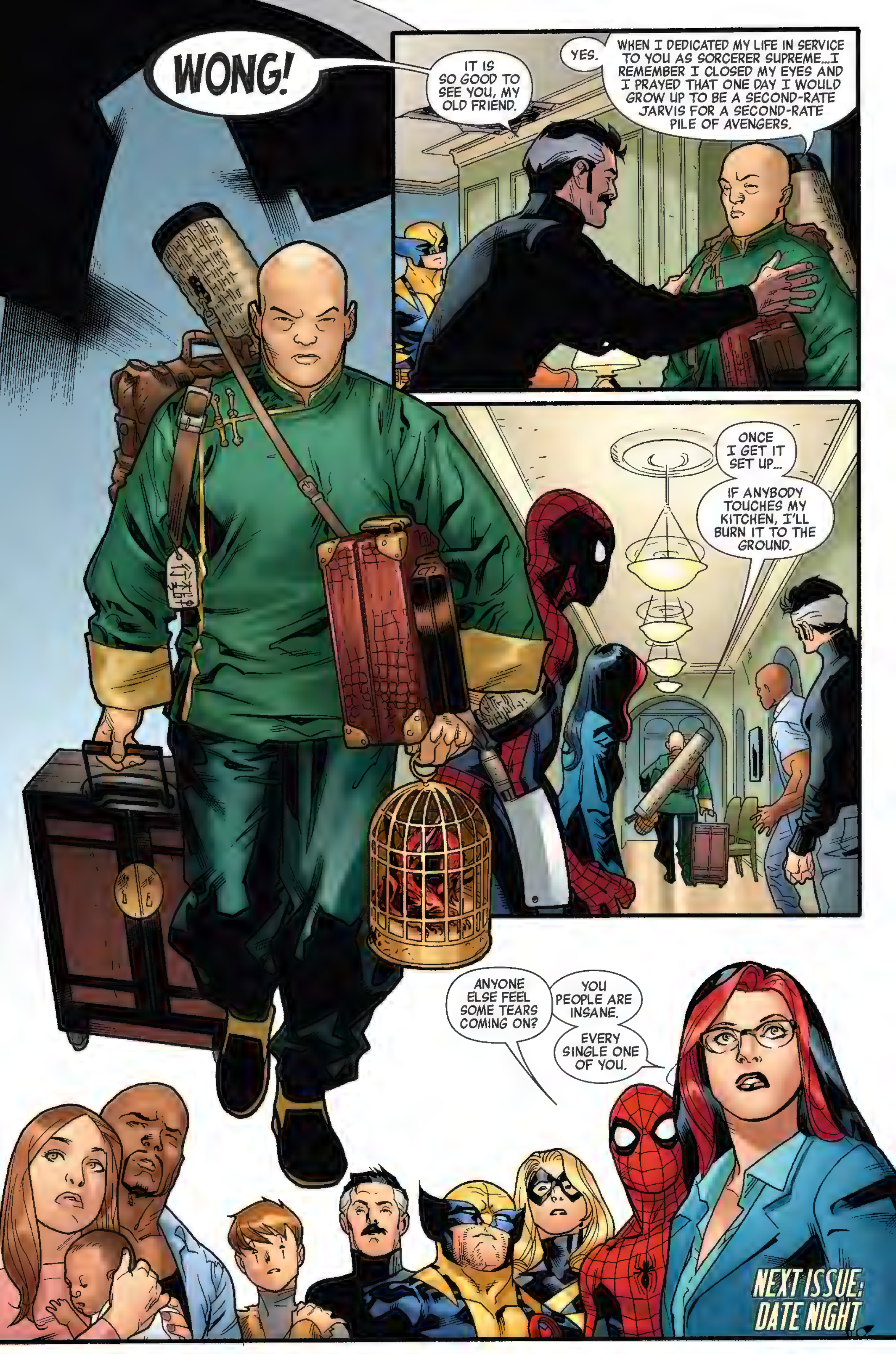

FIRST OF ALL, IT'S NOT UP TO YOU WHETHER *THESE GUYS* GET A PAYCHECK OR NOT.
IT'S NOT *FAIR* OF YOU TO ASSUME THAT EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM HAS TO LIVE BY *YOUR* CODE.
SHE'S RIGHT THERE.
SECONDLY... WERE YOU OR WERE YOU NOT PART OWNER OF A COMPANY CALLED *HEROES FOR HIRE?!?!*
DIDN'T YOU INVENT THE IDEA OF SOMEONE BEING PAID TO BE A SUPER HERO?
YOUR CLIENT IS NOW CAPTAIN !$@#$@ AMERICA!!!
WHAT'S THE *DIFFERENCE?!*
GOOD POINT.
AND THIRDLY, BABY, YOU'RE *OUT OF MONEY.*
I WAS GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE A HARD CONVERSATION WITH YOU ABOUT ME GOING BACK TO WORK AS A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR BECAUSE BETWEEN THE CIVIL WAR, SKRULLS, AND THE HOOD, AND HELL, ALL THE OTHER THINGS...
WE DON'T HAVE *ANY MORE* MONEY!!!
BUT--
ALL THAT TIME WE WERE HIDING FROM THE LAW...WE WEREN'T MAKING *ANY* MONEY.
ALL THAT TIME WE WERE HIDING IN DR. STRANGE'S BASEMENT AND HAD A BABY...WE DIDN'T HAVE *ANY* INSURANCE.
AND NOW YOU'VE GOT A BABY, BABY, AND THIS BABY NEEDS FOOD AND DIAPERS AND TOYS AND THINGS AND, HOLY LORD, SOME KIND OF NANNY.
BECAUSE IF WE DON'T GET SOME HELP, I AM GOING TO GO @#$%€ IN-SANE.
SO IF *YOU* DON'T WANT TO TAKE THIS MONEY...I WILL TAKE THE MONEY *FOR* YOU AND I'M GOING TO HIRE A NANNY AND BUY US SOME CLEAN CLOTHES.
WE, UM, PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE HAD THIS CONVERSATION IN PRIVATE.
I TOLD YOU.
SHE *DID* TELL YOU.
SO WE'RE GETTING PAID THEN.
THIS IS BETTER THAN MY FANTASTIC FOUR PAY.
REALLY?
STEVE ROGERS *DID* WANT ME TO MAKE IT PERFECTLY CLEAR THAT NOTHING IS GOING TO BE ASKED OF YOU THAT WASN'T ALREADY AGREED TO.
HE SAID THERE IS A BUDGET FOR THE AVENGERS THAT HE WAS UNAWARE OF WHEN LAST YOU SPOKE...AND THAT HE WANTED YOU TO NOT HAVE TO WORRY FINANCIALLY...
UM, I DIDN'T GET ONE.


YES, WELL, THE PROBLEM IS THAT YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE AT THE TABLE WHO HASN'T COME FORTH WITH YOUR REAL IDENTITY...
AND THE GOVERNMENT CAN'T PAY YOU YOUR SALARY WITHOUT KNOWING YOUR REAL IDENTITY.
OY.
TAXES AND EMPLOYMENT FORMS AND SUCH...
OY.
YEAH, YEAH...
WELL THAT IS JUST TYPICAL ME.
PAY HIM IN CASH.
THIS IS NOT A CASH BUSINESS...I'M SORRY TO SAY.
DO YOU WANT MINE?
NO.
PROBABLY COULDN'T SIGN IT OVER TO YOU ANYHOW.
I'LL BE FINE.
YEAH.
OR IF YOU WANT TO DIVULGE YOUR REAL IDENTITY... IT WOULD BE *COMPLETELY CONFIDENTIAL*... OBVIOUSLY.
YES!
PLEASE!
LET ME TAKE MY MASK OFF IN FRONT OF NORMAN OSBORN'S BEST FRIEND.
MOVING ON THEN...
WE DO HAVE A BUDGET FOR SOME HOUSE HELP.
I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU GUYS FEEL ABOUT HAVING SOMEONE ELSE IN THE HOUSE... DO YOU WANT SOMEONE HELPING OUT?
WE DO.
WELL, GOOD, I CAN START HEADHUNTING...
I MAY BE ABLE TO HELP WITH THAT.
DUDE, YOU DON'T HAVE TO CLEAN UP AFTER US...
I MEAN, I KNOW SOMEONE.
SPEAKING OF KNOWING PEOPLE...
WE RECENTLY CAME INTO SOME CASH AND WE NEED A NANNY.
AND IF THIS WEEK IS ANY INDICATION OF WHAT LIFE IS GOING TO *BE* LIKE, WE NEED A NANNY WITH *POWERS* OF SOME SORT.
SOMEONE WHO WE CAN TRUST WITH OUR CHILD AT THE SAME TIME... YOU KNOW...
DOES ANYBODY KNOW ANYBODY THAT IS LOOKING FOR ANYTHING REMOTELY LIKE THIS?
OKAY...
I'LL DO IT.
CUTE.
GUESS IT'S TIME TO START HEADHUNTING...


WELL, I DON'T LIKE BABIES PER SE, BUT--
THIS ONE KNOWS SHE WASN'T A VERY GOOD AVENGER, BUT--
I AM SO LONELY...
I *SOMETIMES* LOSE FIRE CONTROL, BUT I--
YOU EVER HEAR OF NEXTWAVE? WE COULD HAVE KICKED ALL YOUR ASSES.
I'M SORRY, I THOUGHT YOU ASKED ME HERE TO REJOIN THE AVENGERS.
SPIDER-MAN LIVES HERE?
PASS.
YOU KNOW I USED TO BE ON THIS @#$@#$ING TEAM!
I'M LOOKING FOR A CAREER CHANGE.
THE SUPER HERO TRUCK DRIVER THING DIDN'T WORK OUT LIKE I THOUGHT IT WOULD.
I KNOW I'M UNDER AGE, BUT--
I CAN ONLY WORK WEDNESDAY NIGHT AND SATURDAYS BETWEEN 2 AND 4.
YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW WHO I AM?
I AM GROOT!
I THINK I CAME OFF DESPERATE BEFORE--
I HAD AN ON-AGAIN/OFF-AGAIN WITH A TALKING DUCK, I'M NOT SURE IF THAT'S A PLUS OR MINUS--
...
IT'S *PRONOUNCED* SEPULCHRE! NOT, *SEP-ULCH-RE!*
I'M JUST LOOKING FOR A WAY ONTO THE TEAM AND I FIGURED IF I WAS HANGING AROUND LONG ENOUGH--
DOES CAPTAIN AMERICA EVER TALK ABOUT ME?
I HAVE A LAW DEGREE! YOU UNDERSTAND HOW HUMILIATING EVEN TALKING TO YOU ABOUT THIS IS?
I JUST NEED TO GET OFF THE ROAD.
I DON'T GET IT!!
CLEARLY YOU GUYS ARE THE DEFENDERS, BUT YOU'RE CALLING YOURSELF THE AVENGERS??
I MEAN, IS IT ME? AM I THE CRAZY ONE?
SEPULCHRE! *SEPULCHRE!* SAY IT *WITH ME!*
NO, NO, NO...
I CAN CHANGE INTO A LARGE APE-LIKE CREATURE, BUT I DON'T NECESSARILY *HAVE* TO IF YOU THINK THAT WILL SCARE THE BABY.
LUKE CAGE...
BEEN A LONG TIME...
I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING MORE REWARDING THAN HELPING GUIDE A CHILD INTO THE PERSON THEY WILL EVENTUALLY BECOME...


WELL, DOREEN, I MUST SAY, YOU ARE BY FAR THE MOST INTERESTING CANDIDATE...
IT'S EXCITING BEING HERE IN AVENGERS MANSION.
I THOUGHT YOU WERE AN AVENGER.
I WAS, UM...
SQUIRREL GIRL...
I WAS IN THE GREAT LAKES AVENGERS.
WAS THAT A REAL THING?
YES.
OH.
I JUST WANT TO SAY, I THINK IT'S AMAZING WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO HERE.
BEING AVENGERS. BEING MARRIED. HAVING A BABY. IT'S AMAZING.
AND WHETHER OR NOT I GET THE JOB, IT WAS TRULY AWESOME TO MEET BOTH OF YOU.
I'VE BEEN A FAN FOR A LONG TIME.
THAT IS-- OBVIOUSLY THAT IS VERY NICE...
LUKE, YOU HAVE ANY MORE QUESTIONS?
I JUST WANT TO BE DONE WITH THIS.
CAN I *HOLD* HER?
MY GOODNESS. SHE IS *GORGEOUS*.
IS, UM, IS THAT... *TAIL* OF YOURS ACTUALLY ATTACHED?
OH, UM, WELL, YES.
I'M SORRY...IF THAT'S RUDE TO ASK.
NO. I UNDERSTAND. YES, IT'S ATTACHED.
I HAVE TOTAL CONTROL OVER IT THOUGH.
WHAT DO YOU SAY?
IF YOU'RE HAPPY, I'M HAPPY.
OKAY THEN.
D-MAN IT IS.
CUTE.
DOREEN, YOU ARE HIRED.
WELCOME TO AVENGERS MANSION.
OH...


DOREEN...
JAMES...
YOU LOOK WELL.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I'M WORKING HERE NOW.
I THOUGHT WE AGREED NEVER TO SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN.
ARE YOU ON THIS TEAM?
YES, I AM.
OH.
I HOPE WE CAN AGREE TO BE PROFESSIONAL.
OF COURSE.
YOU DO LOOK GOOD.
YOU LOOK AMAZING.
CAN I HAVE MY BABY, PLEASE?
I SEE THIS IS STILL THE BEST REALITY SHOW NOT ON TELEVISION...


WONG!
IT IS SO GOOD TO SEE YOU, MY OLD FRIEND.
YES.
WHEN I DEDICATED MY LIFE IN SERVICE TO YOU AS SORCERER SUPREME...I REMEMBER I CLOSED MY EYES AND I PRAYED THAT ONE DAY I WOULD GROW UP TO BE A SECOND-RATE JARVIS FOR A SECOND-RATE PILE OF AVENGERS.
ONCE I GET IT SET UP...
IF ANYBODY TOUCHES MY KITCHEN, I'LL BURN IT TO THE GROUND.
ANYONE ELSE FEEL SOME TEARS COMING ON?
YOU PEOPLE ARE INSANE.
EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOU.
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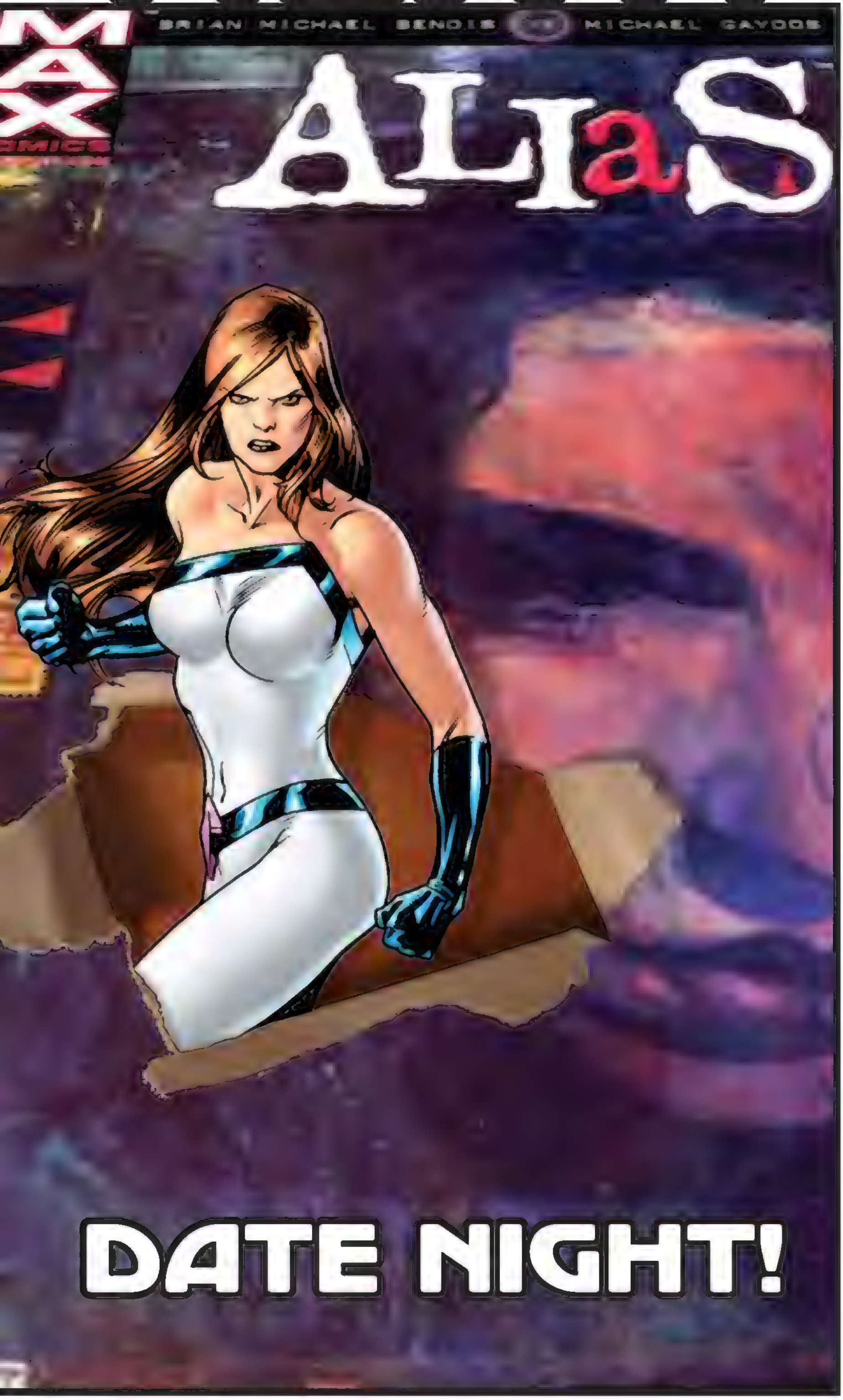
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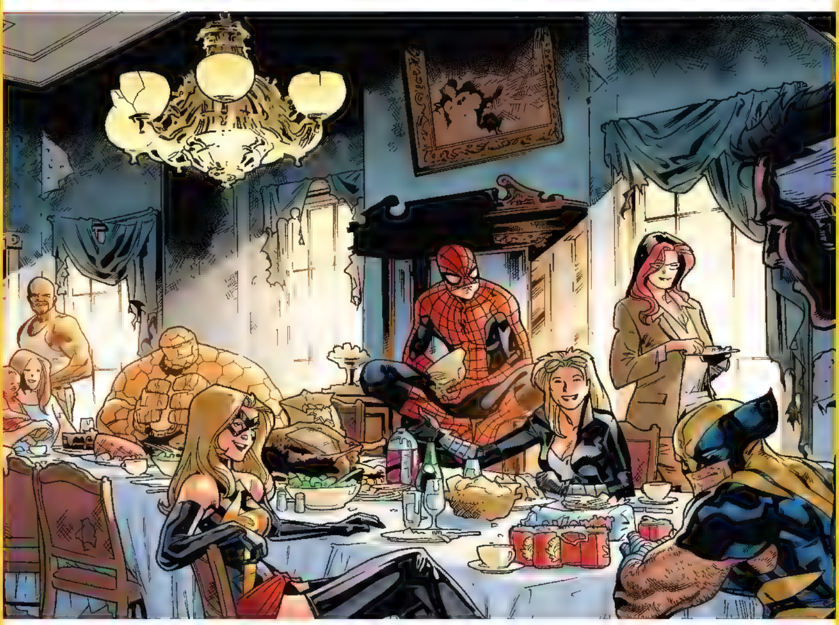

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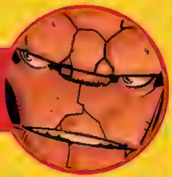

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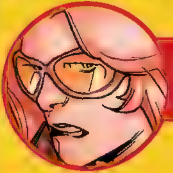

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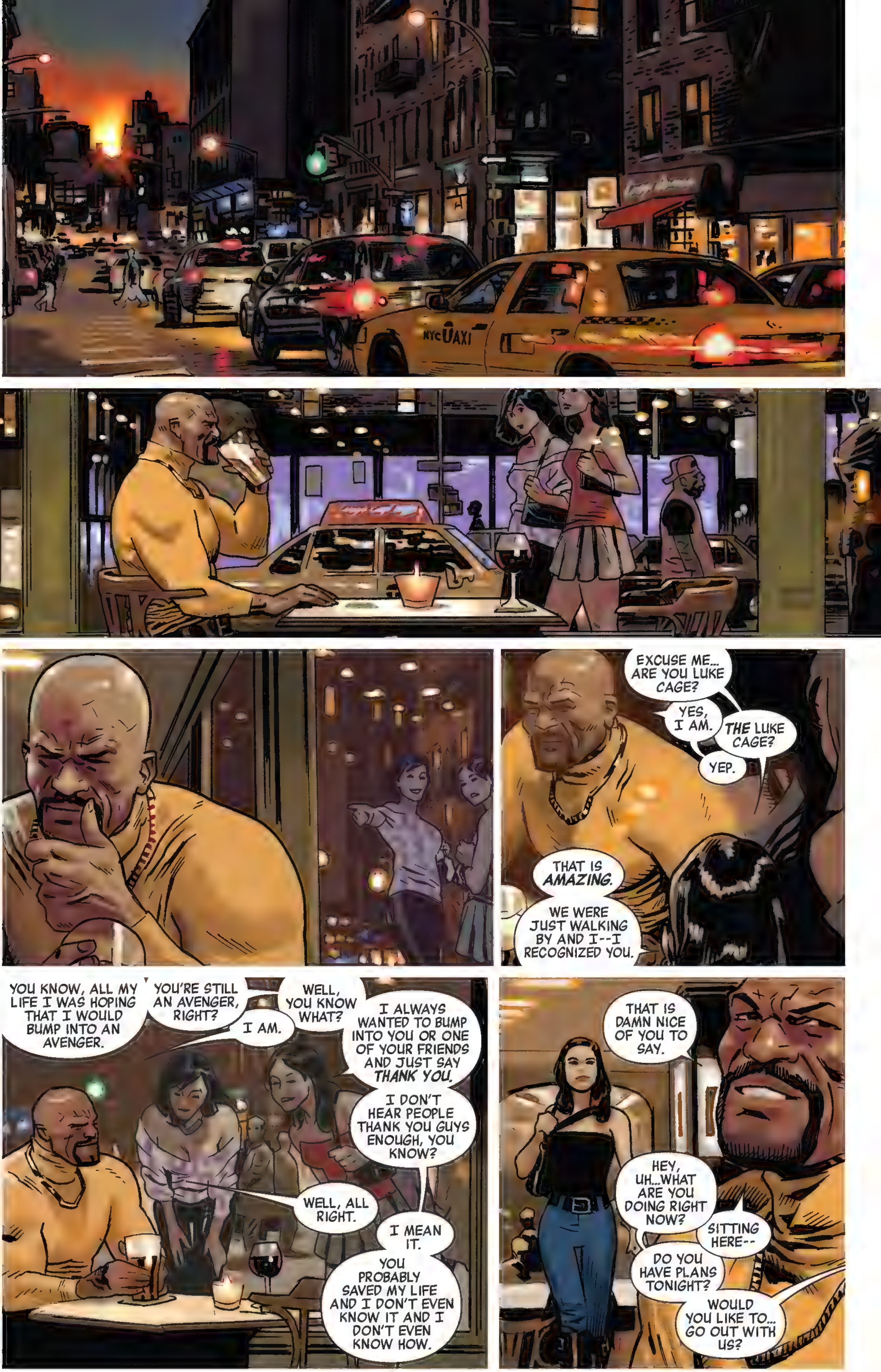
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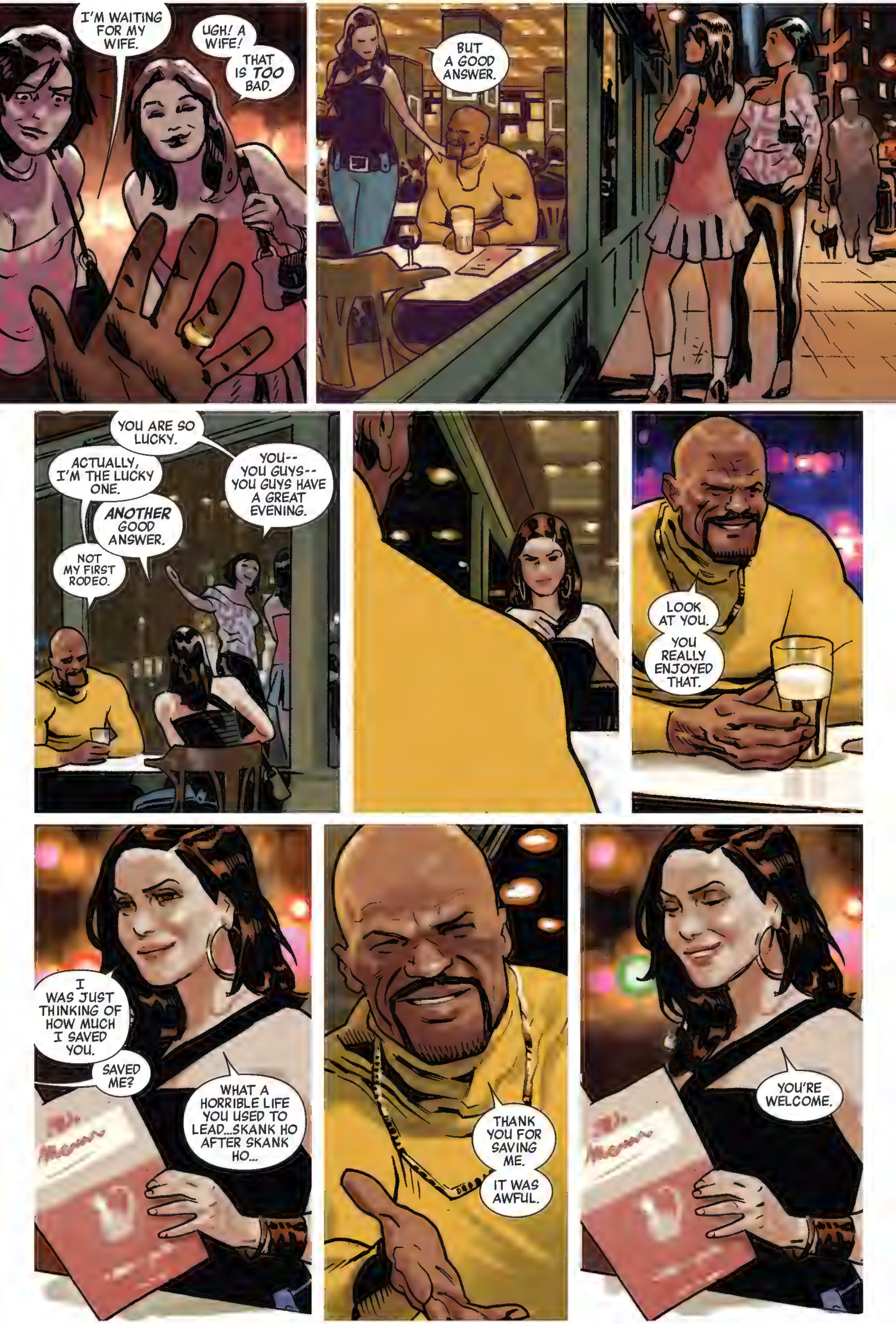
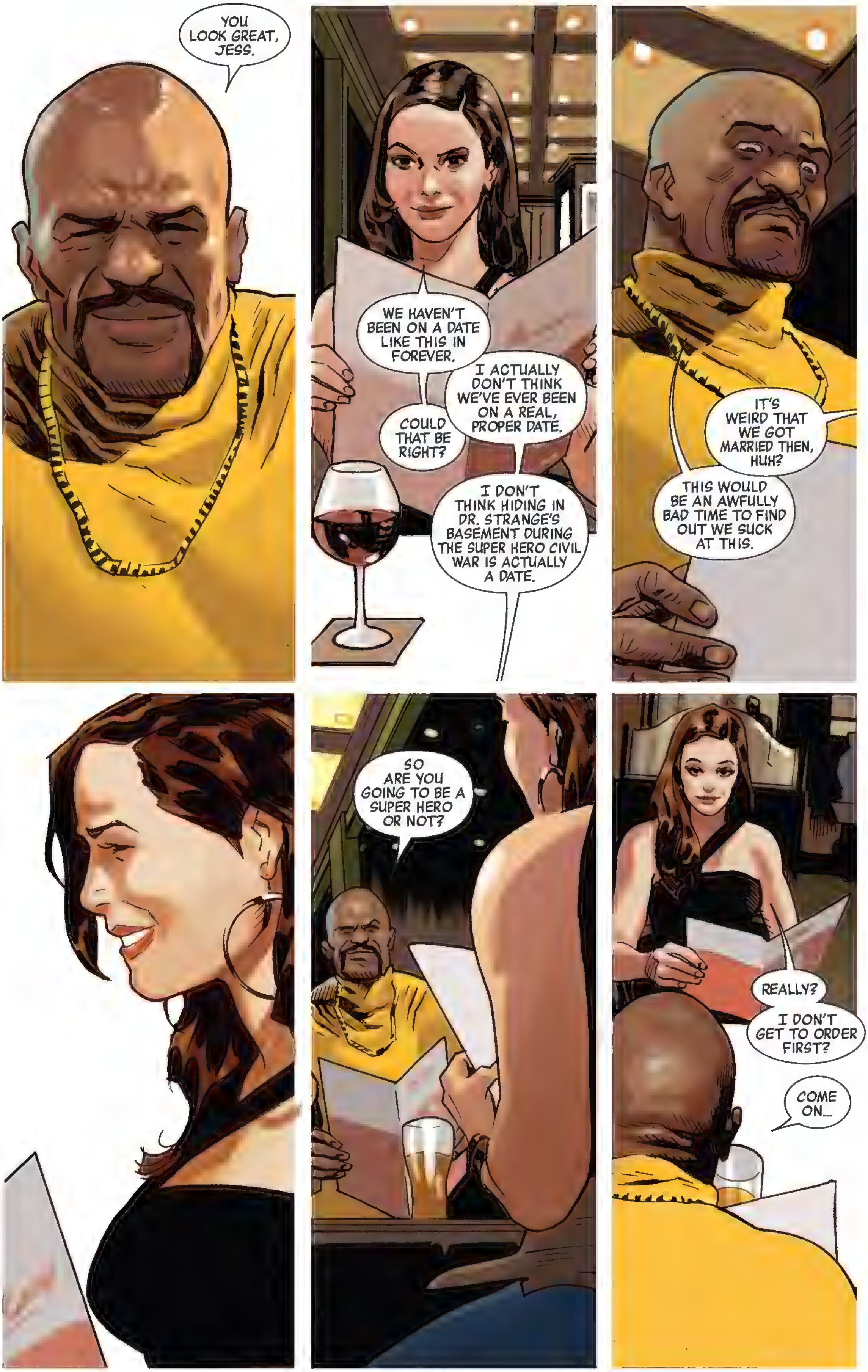
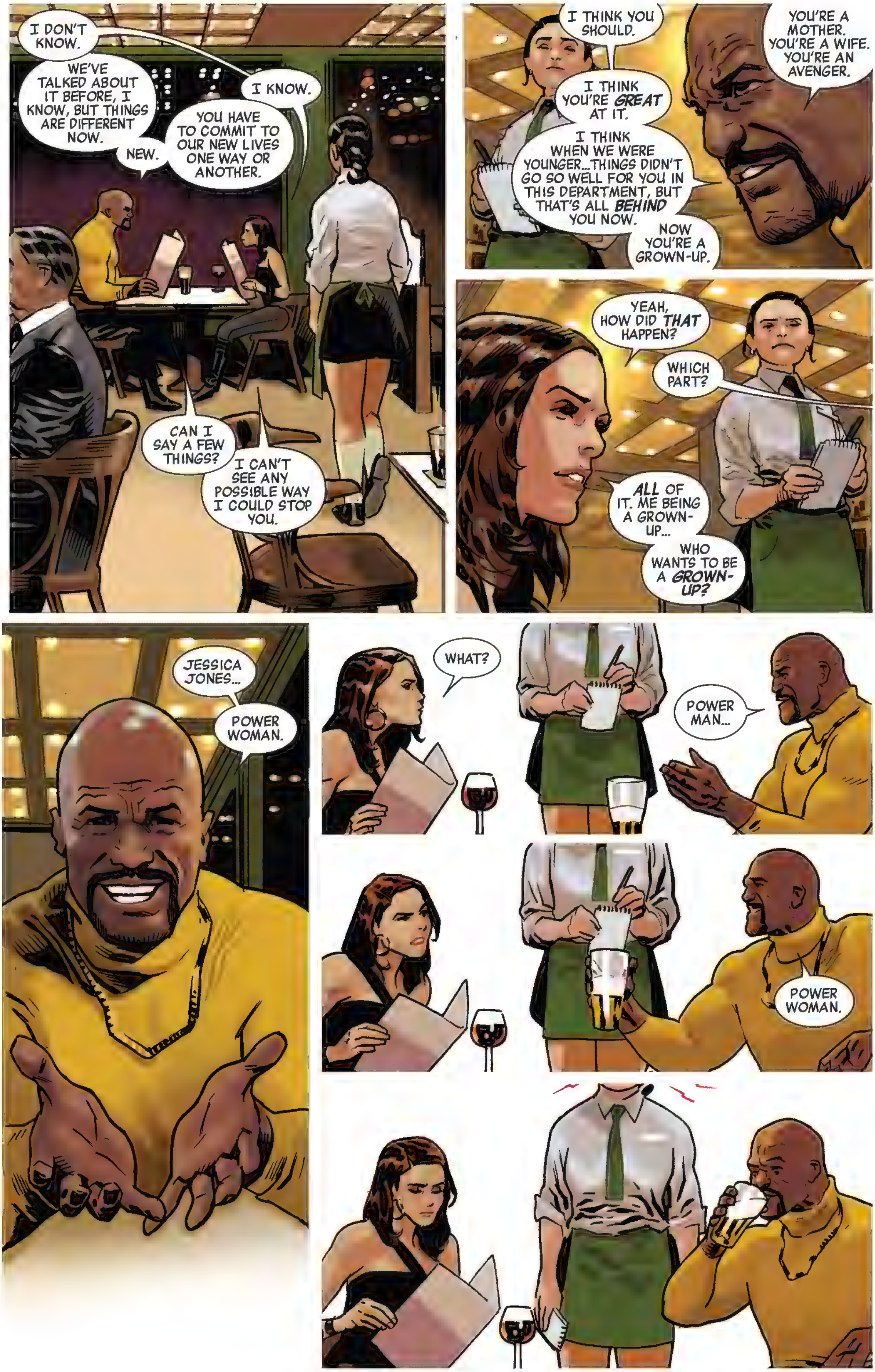
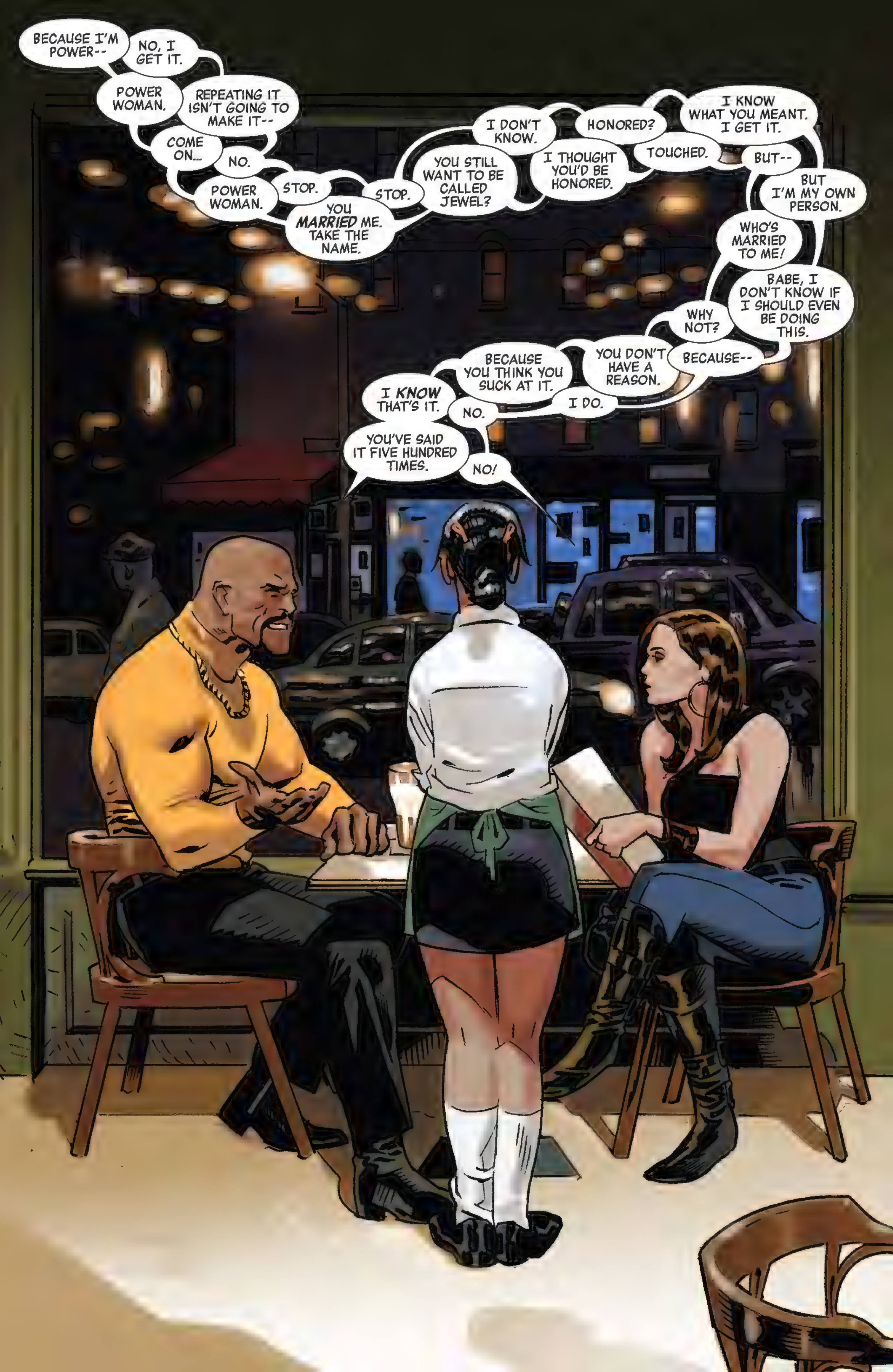
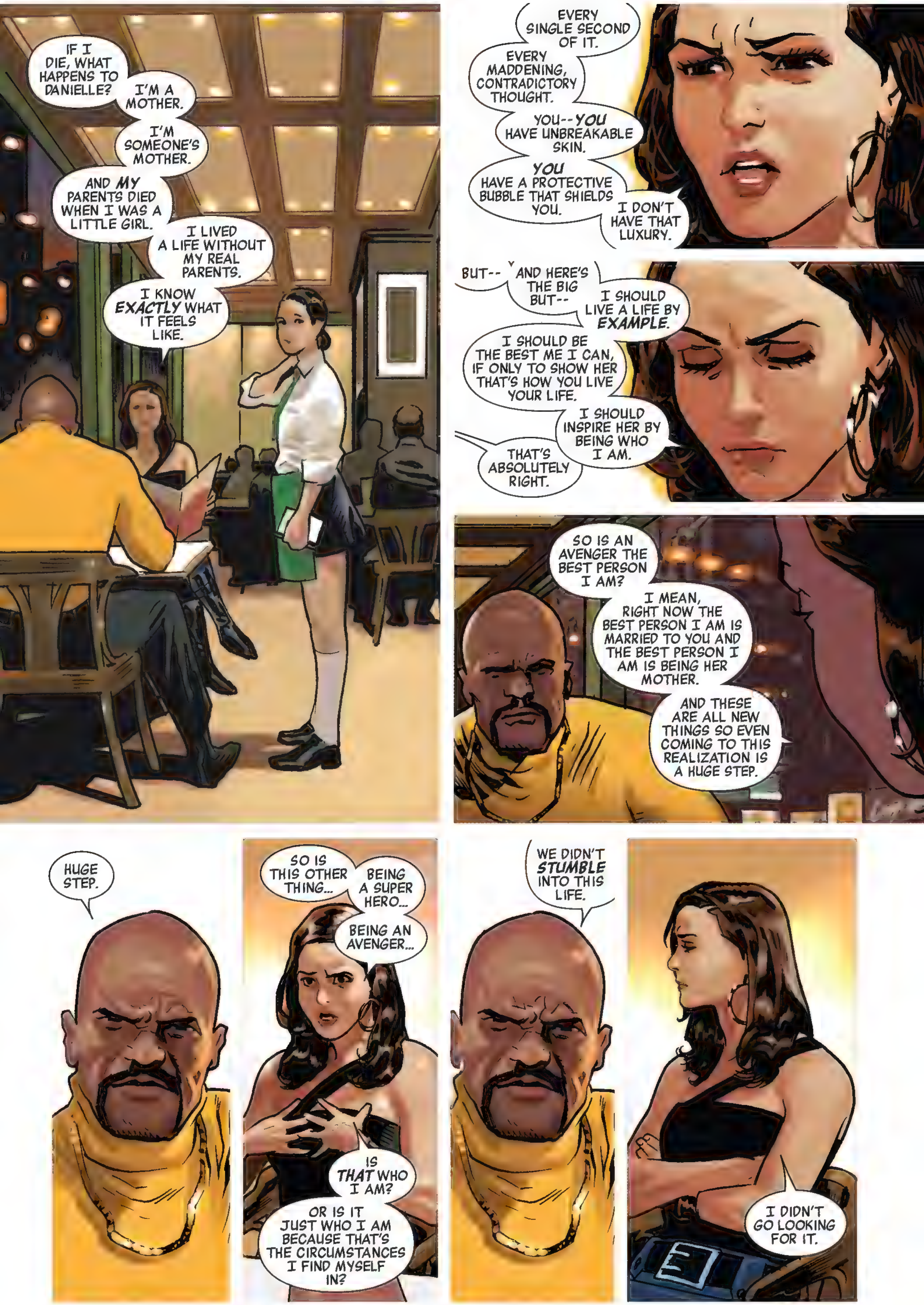
EXCUSE ME... ARE YOU LUKE CAGE?
YES, I AM.
THE LUKE CAGE?
YEP.
THAT IS *AMAZING*.
WE WERE JUST WALKING BY AND I--I RECOGNIZED YOU.
YOU KNOW, ALL MY LIFE I WAS HOPING THAT I WOULD BUMP INTO AN AVENGER.
YOU'RE STILL AN AVENGER, RIGHT?
I AM.
WELL, YOU KNOW WHAT?
I ALWAYS WANTED TO BUMP INTO YOU OR ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS AND JUST SAY *THANK YOU*.
I DON'T HEAR PEOPLE THANK YOU GUYS ENOUGH, YOU KNOW?
WELL, ALL RIGHT.
I MEAN IT.
YOU PROBABLY SAVED MY LIFE AND I DON'T EVEN KNOW IT AND I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW.
THAT IS DAMN NICE OF YOU TO SAY.
HEY, UH...WHAT ARE YOU DOING RIGHT NOW?
SITTING HERE--
DO YOU HAVE PLANS TONIGHT?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO... GO OUT WITH US?

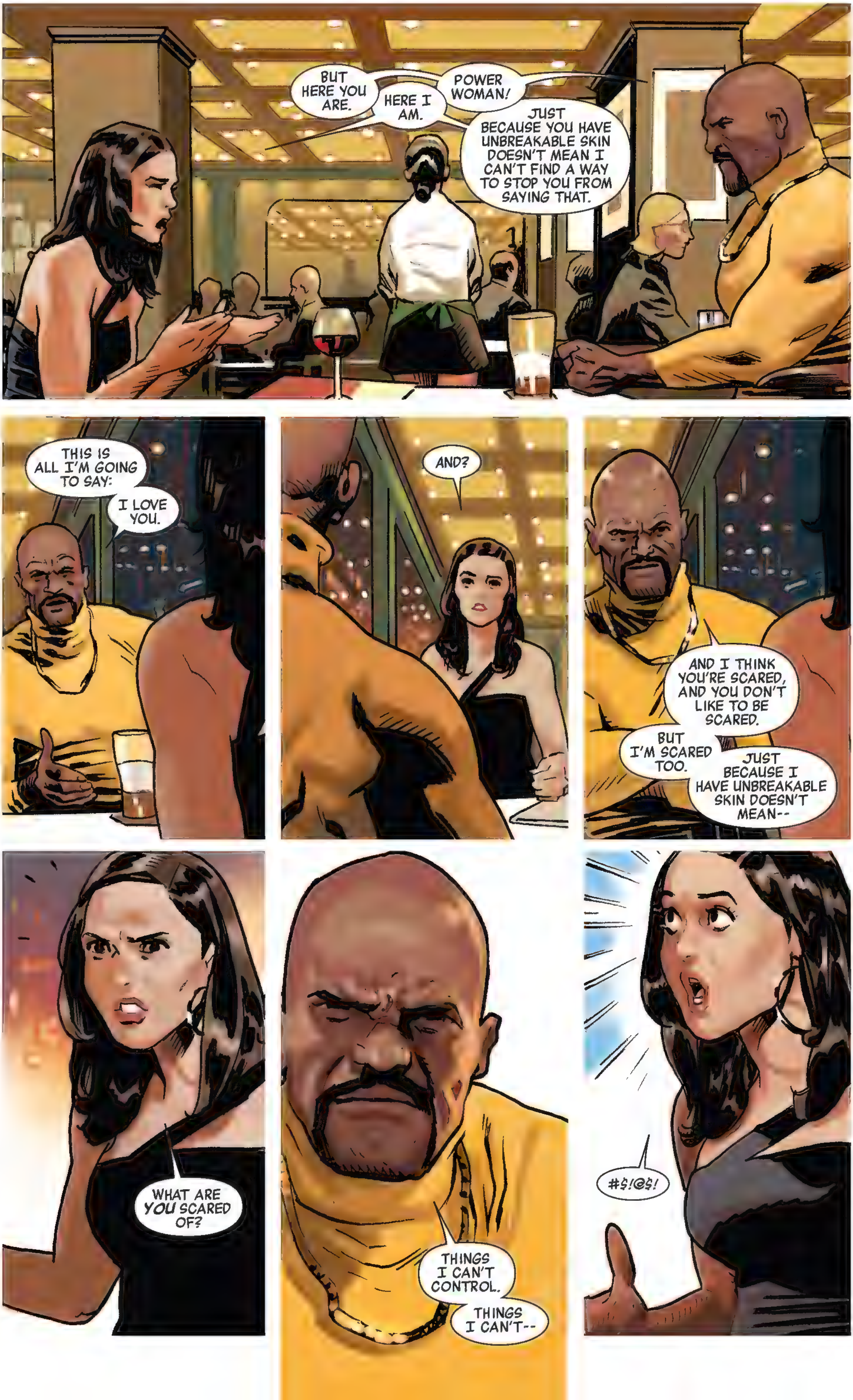

I'M WAITING FOR MY WIFE.
UGH! A WIFE!
THAT IS *TOO* BAD.
BUT A GOOD ANSWER.
YOU ARE SO LUCKY.
ACTUALLY, I'M THE LUCKY ONE.
YOU-- YOU GUYS-- YOU GUYS HAVE A GREAT EVENING.
ANOTHER GOOD ANSWER.
NOT MY FIRST RODEO.
LOOK AT YOU.
YOU REALLY ENJOYED THAT.
I WAS JUST THINKING OF HOW MUCH I SAVED YOU.
SAVED ME?
WHAT A HORRIBLE LIFE YOU USED TO LEAD...SKANK HO AFTER SKANK HO...
THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME.
IT WAS AWFUL.
YOU'RE WELCOME.

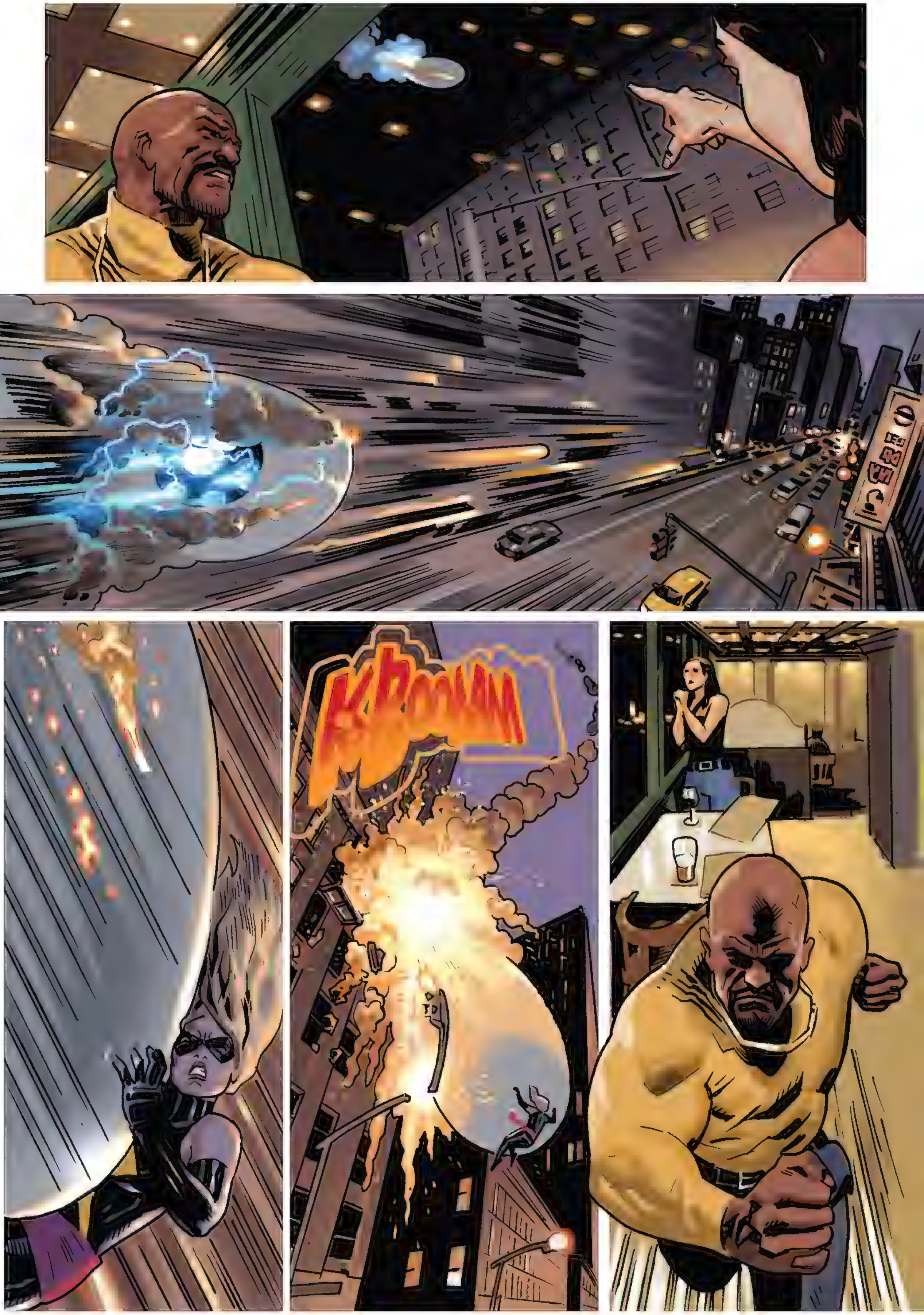

YOU LOOK GREAT, JESS.
WE HAVEN'T BEEN ON A DATE LIKE THIS IN FOREVER.
COULD THAT BE RIGHT?
I ACTUALLY DON'T THINK WE'VE EVER BEEN ON A REAL, PROPER DATE.
I DON'T THINK HIDING IN DR. STRANGE'S BASEMENT DURING THE SUPER HERO CIVIL WAR IS ACTUALLY A DATE.
IT'S WEIRD THAT WE GOT MARRIED THEN, HUH?
THIS WOULD BE AN AWFULLY BAD TIME TO FIND OUT WE SUCK AT THIS.
SO ARE YOU GOING TO BE A SUPER HERO OR NOT?
REALLY?
I DON'T GET TO ORDER FIRST?
COME ON...


I DON'T KNOW.
WE'VE TALKED ABOUT IT BEFORE, I KNOW, BUT THINGS ARE DIFFERENT NOW.
NEW.
I KNOW.
YOU HAVE TO COMMIT TO OUR NEW LIVES ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.
CAN I SAY A FEW THINGS?
I CAN'T SEE ANY POSSIBLE WAY I COULD STOP YOU.
I THINK YOU SHOULD.
YOU'RE A MOTHER. YOU'RE A WIFE. YOU'RE AN AVENGER.
I THINK YOU'RE *GREAT* AT IT.
I THINK WHEN WE WERE YOUNGER...THINGS DIDN'T GO SO WELL FOR YOU IN THIS DEPARTMENT, BUT THAT'S ALL *BEHIND* YOU NOW.
NOW YOU'RE A GROWN-UP.
YEAH, HOW DID *THAT* HAPPEN?
WHICH PART?
ALL OF IT. ME BEING A GROWN-UP...
WHO WANTS TO BE A *GROWN-UP?*
JESSICA JONES...
POWER WOMAN.
WHAT?
POWER MAN...
POWER WOMAN.


BECAUSE I'M POWER--
NO, I GET IT.
POWER WOMAN.
REPEATING IT ISN'T GOING TO MAKE IT--
COME ON...
NO.
POWER WOMAN.
STOP.
YOU *MARRIED* ME. TAKE THE NAME.
STOP.
YOU STILL WANT TO BE CALLED JEWEL?
I DON'T KNOW.
I THOUGHT YOU'D BE HONORED.
HONORED?
TOUCHED.
I KNOW WHAT YOU MEANT. I GET IT.
BUT--
BUT I'M MY OWN PERSON.
WHO'S MARRIED TO ME!
BABE, I DON'T KNOW IF I SHOULD EVEN BE DOING THIS.
WHY NOT?
BECAUSE--
YOU DON'T HAVE A REASON.
I DO.
BECAUSE YOU THINK YOU SUCK AT IT.
NO.
I *KNOW* THAT'S IT.
YOU'VE SAID IT FIVE HUNDRED TIMES.
NO!


IF I DIE, WHAT HAPPENS TO DANIELLE?
I'M A MOTHER.
I'M SOMEONE'S MOTHER.
AND *MY* PARENTS DIED WHEN I WAS A LITTLE GIRL.
I LIVED A LIFE WITHOUT MY REAL PARENTS.
I KNOW *EXACTLY* WHAT IT FEELS LIKE.
EVERY SINGLE SECOND OF IT.
EVERY MADDENING, CONTRADICTORY THOUGHT.
YOU--*YOU* HAVE UNBREAKABLE SKIN.
YOU HAVE A PROTECTIVE BUBBLE THAT SHIELDS YOU.
I DON'T HAVE THAT LUXURY.
BUT--
AND HERE'S THE BIG BUT--
I SHOULD LIVE A LIFE BY *EXAMPLE.*
I SHOULD BE THE BEST ME I CAN, IF ONLY TO SHOW HER THAT'S HOW YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE.
I SHOULD INSPIRE HER BY BEING WHO I AM.
THAT'S ABSOLUTELY RIGHT.
SO IS AN AVENGER THE BEST PERSON I AM?
I MEAN, RIGHT NOW THE BEST PERSON I AM IS MARRIED TO YOU AND THE BEST PERSON I AM IS BEING HER MOTHER.
AND THESE ARE ALL NEW THINGS SO EVEN COMING TO THIS REALIZATION IS A HUGE STEP.
HUGE STEP.
SO IS THIS OTHER THING...
BEING A SUPER HERO...
BEING AN AVENGER...
IS *THAT* WHO I AM?
OR IS IT JUST WHO I AM BECAUSE THAT'S THE CIRCUMSTANCES I FIND MYSELF IN?
WE DIDN'T *STUMBLE* INTO THIS LIFE.
I DIDN'T GO LOOKING FOR IT.


BUT HERE YOU ARE.
POWER WOMAN!
HERE I AM.
JUST BECAUSE YOU HAVE UNBREAKABLE SKIN DOESN'T MEAN I CAN'T FIND A WAY TO STOP YOU FROM SAYING THAT.
THIS IS ALL I'M GOING TO SAY:
I LOVE YOU.
AND?
AND I THINK YOU'RE SCARED, AND YOU DON'T LIKE TO BE SCARED.
BUT I'M SCARED TOO.
JUST BECAUSE I HAVE UNBREAKABLE SKIN DOESN'T MEAN--
WHAT ARE *YOU* SCARED OF?
THINGS I CAN'T CONTROL.
THINGS I CAN'T--
#$!@$!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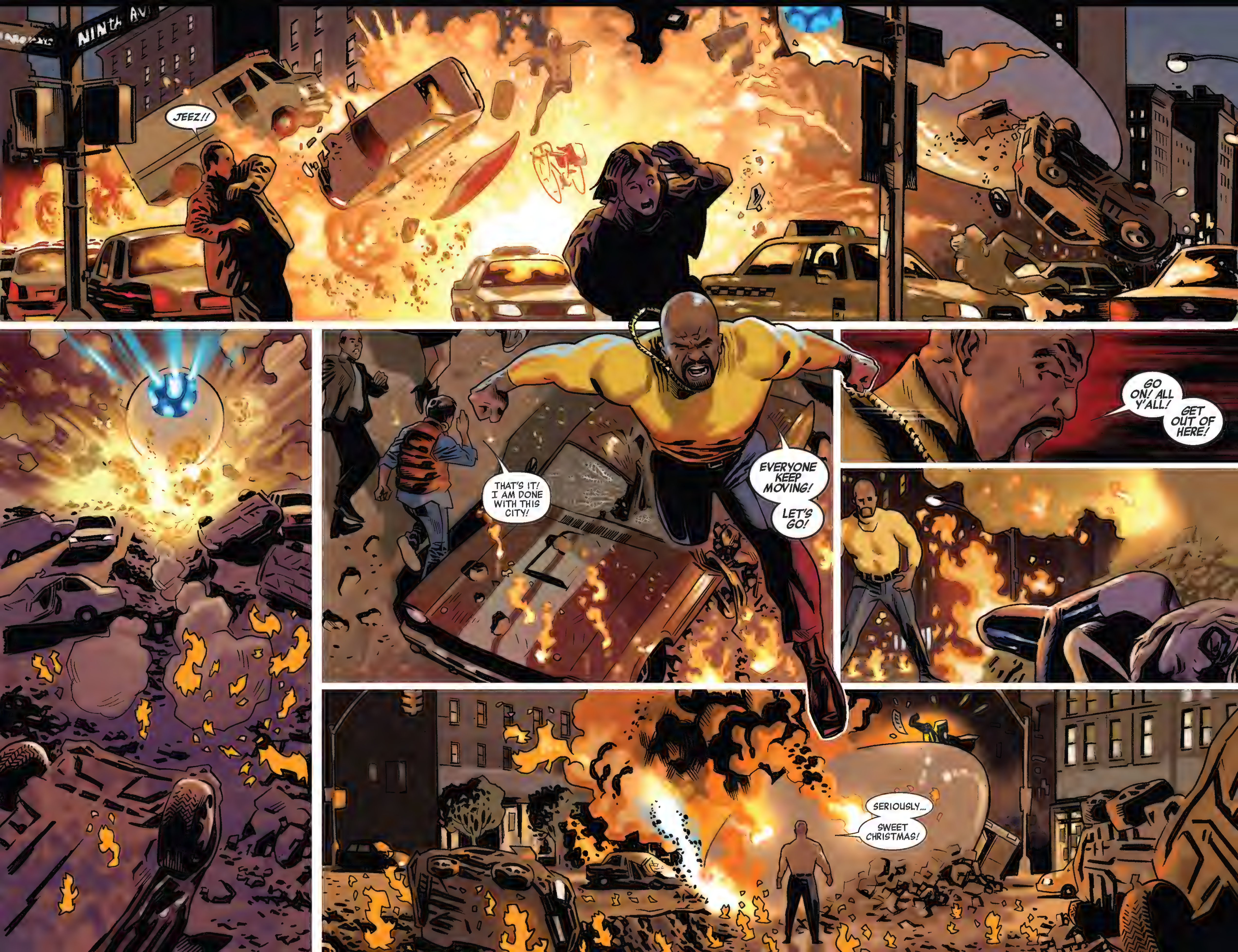
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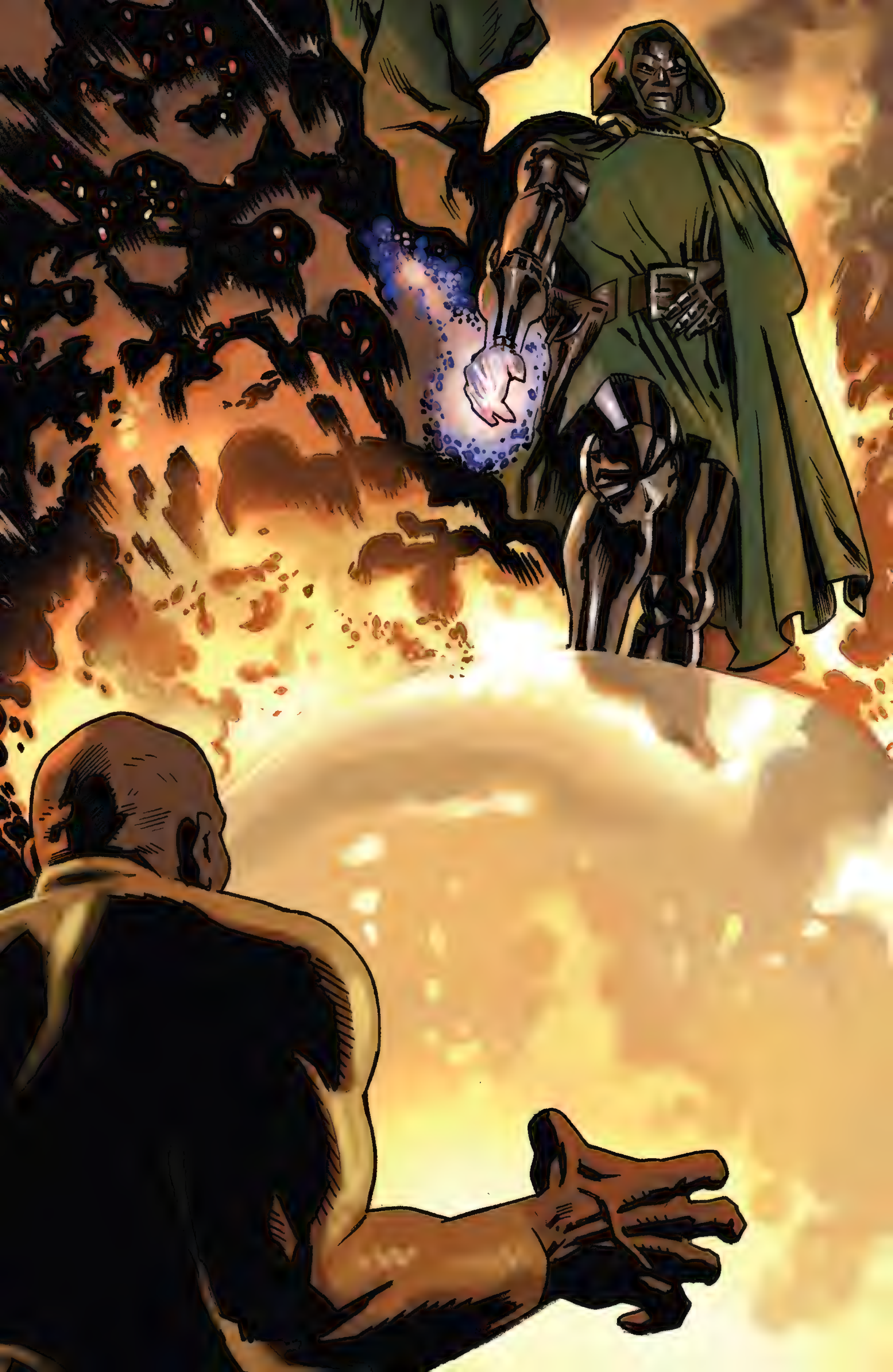
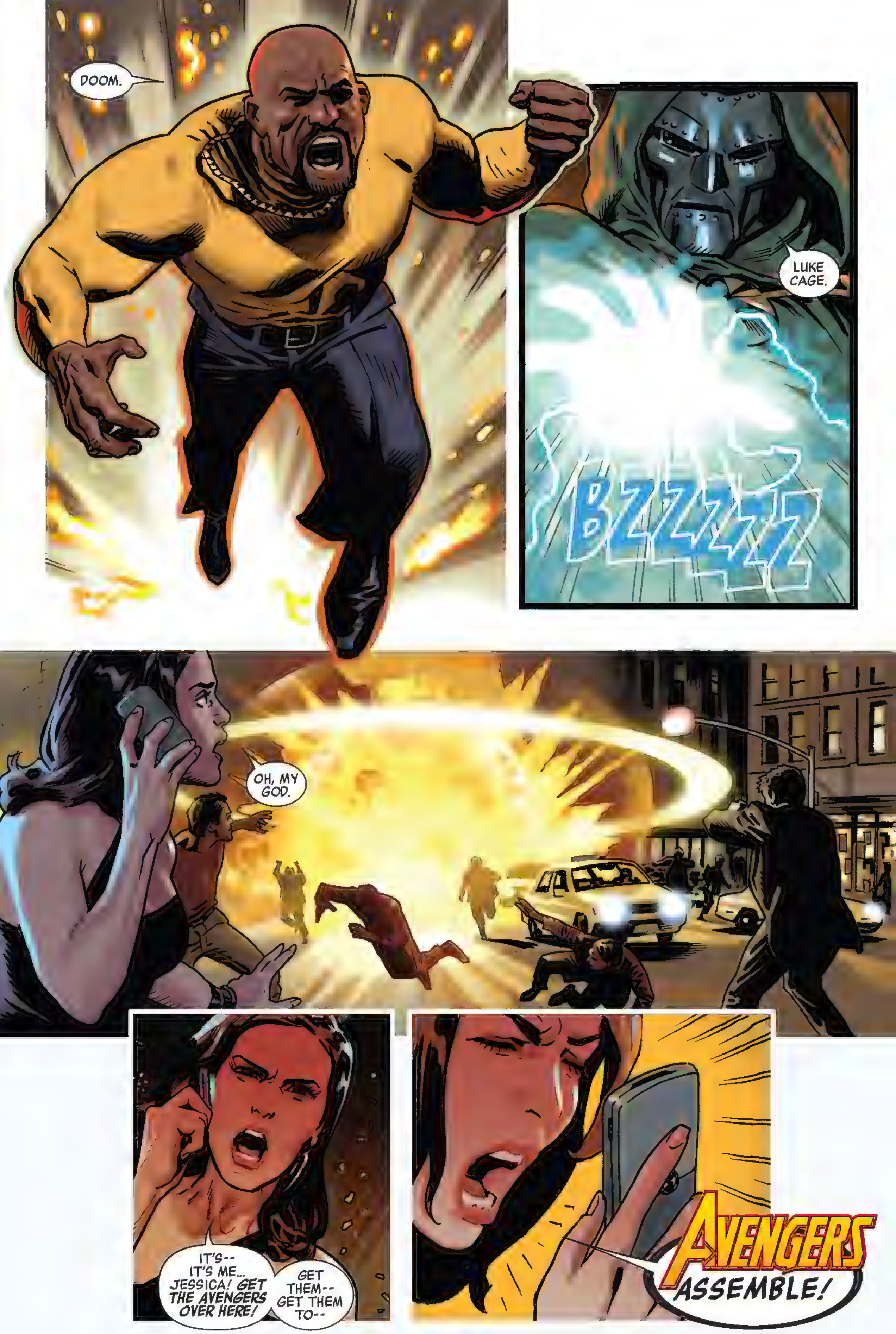
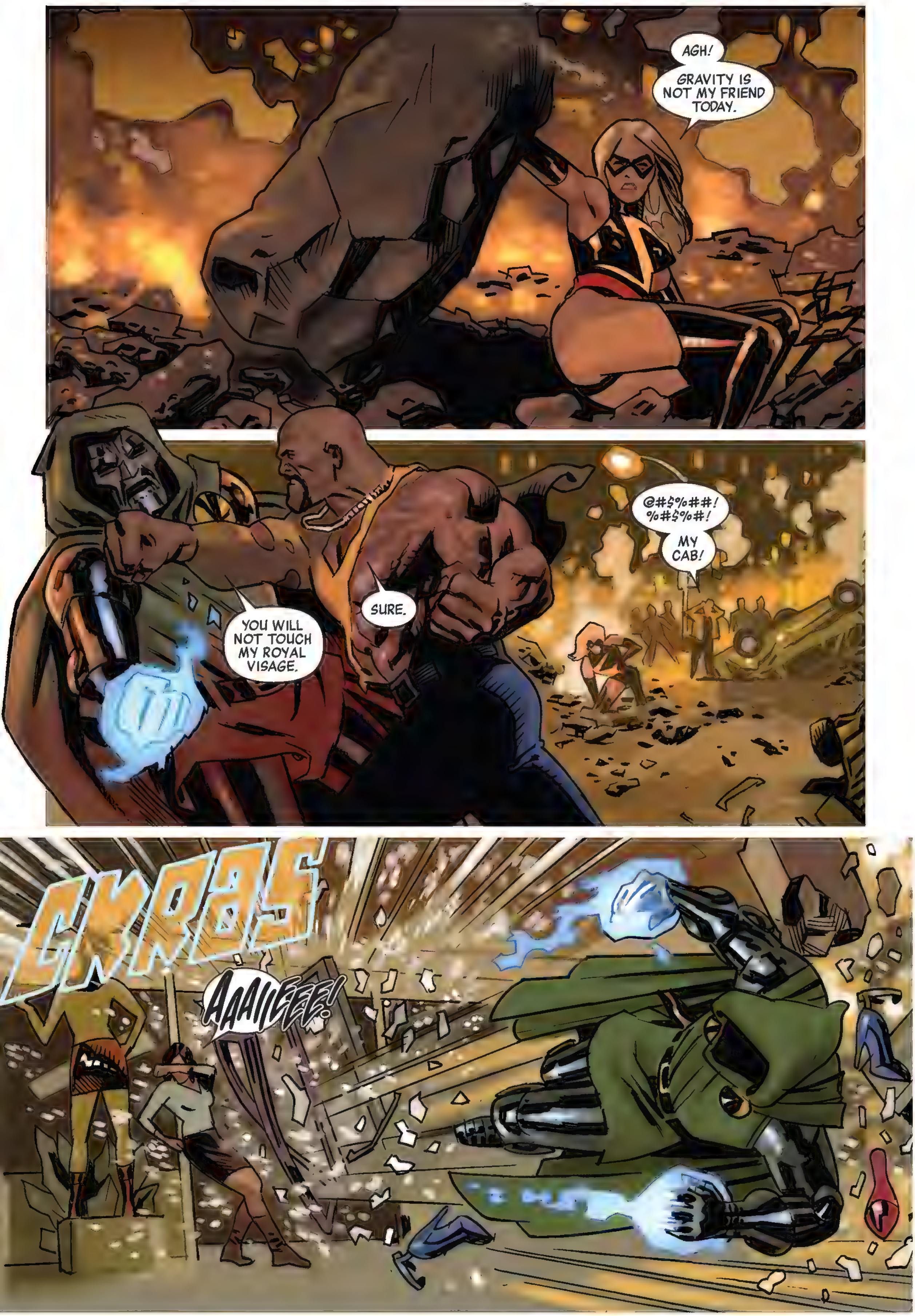
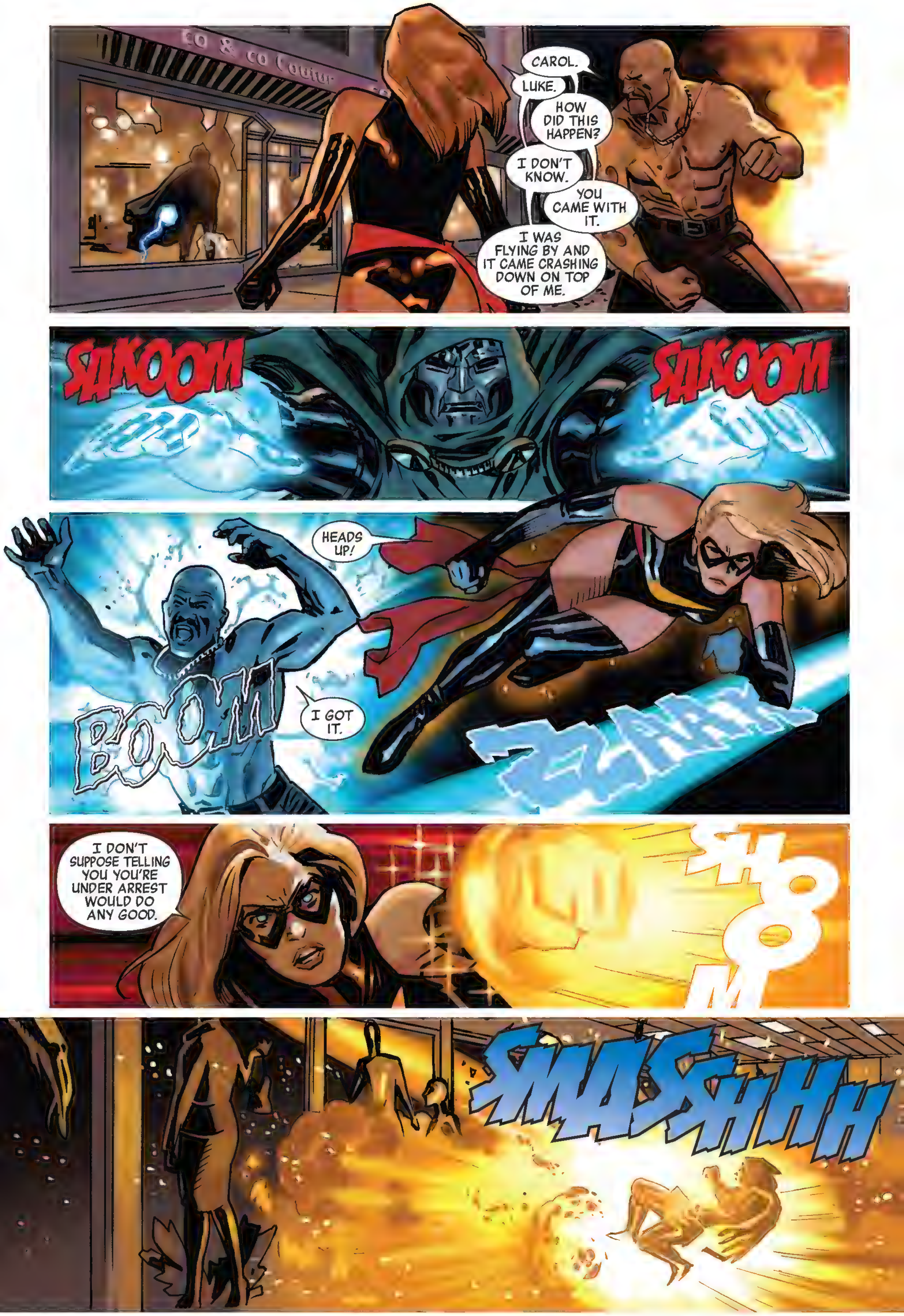
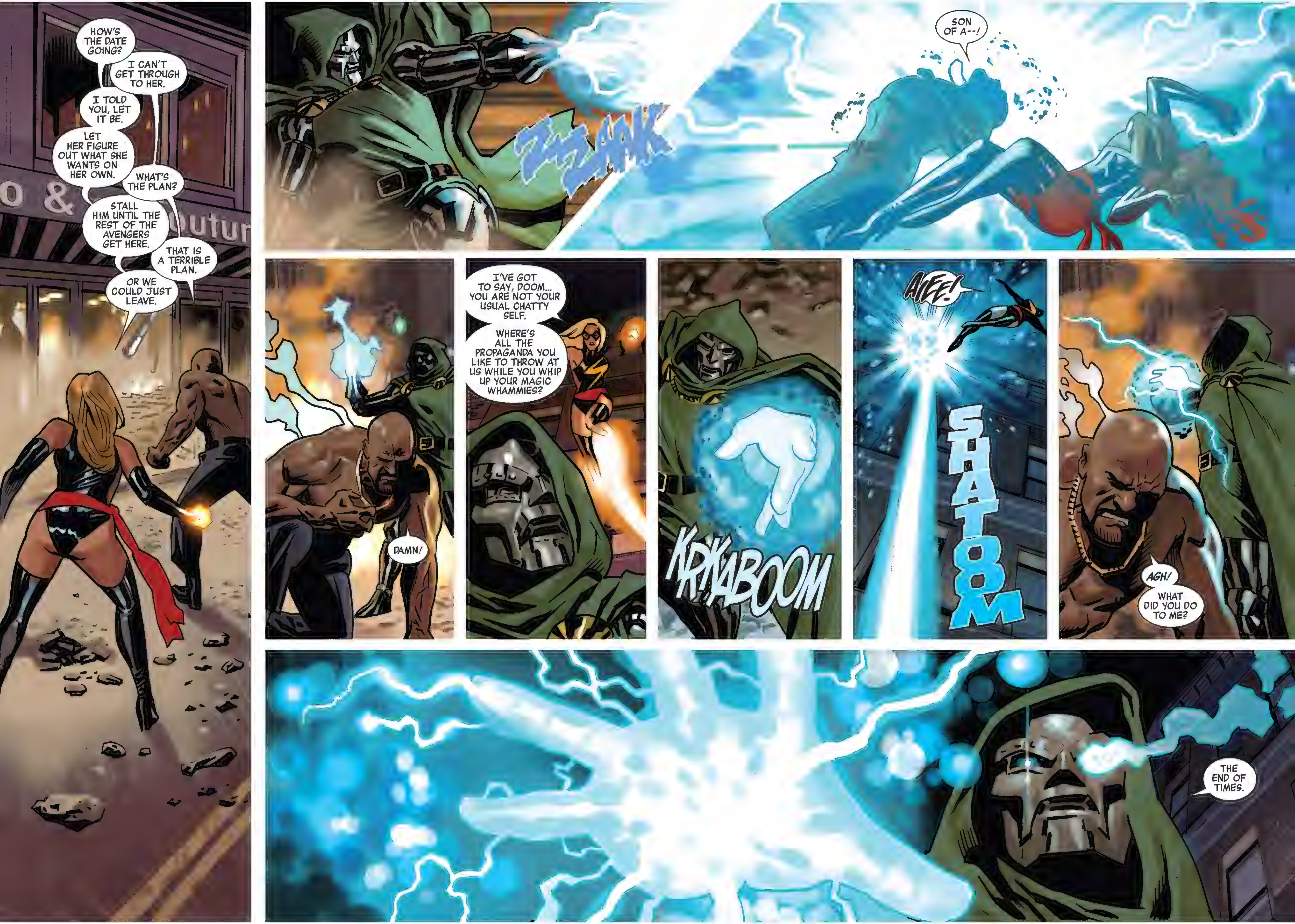
JEEZ!!
THAT'S IT! I AM DONE WITH THIS CITY!
EVERYONE KEEP MOVING!
LET'S GO!
GO ON! ALL Y'ALL! GET OUT OF HERE!
SERIOUSLY...
SWEET CHRISTMAS!

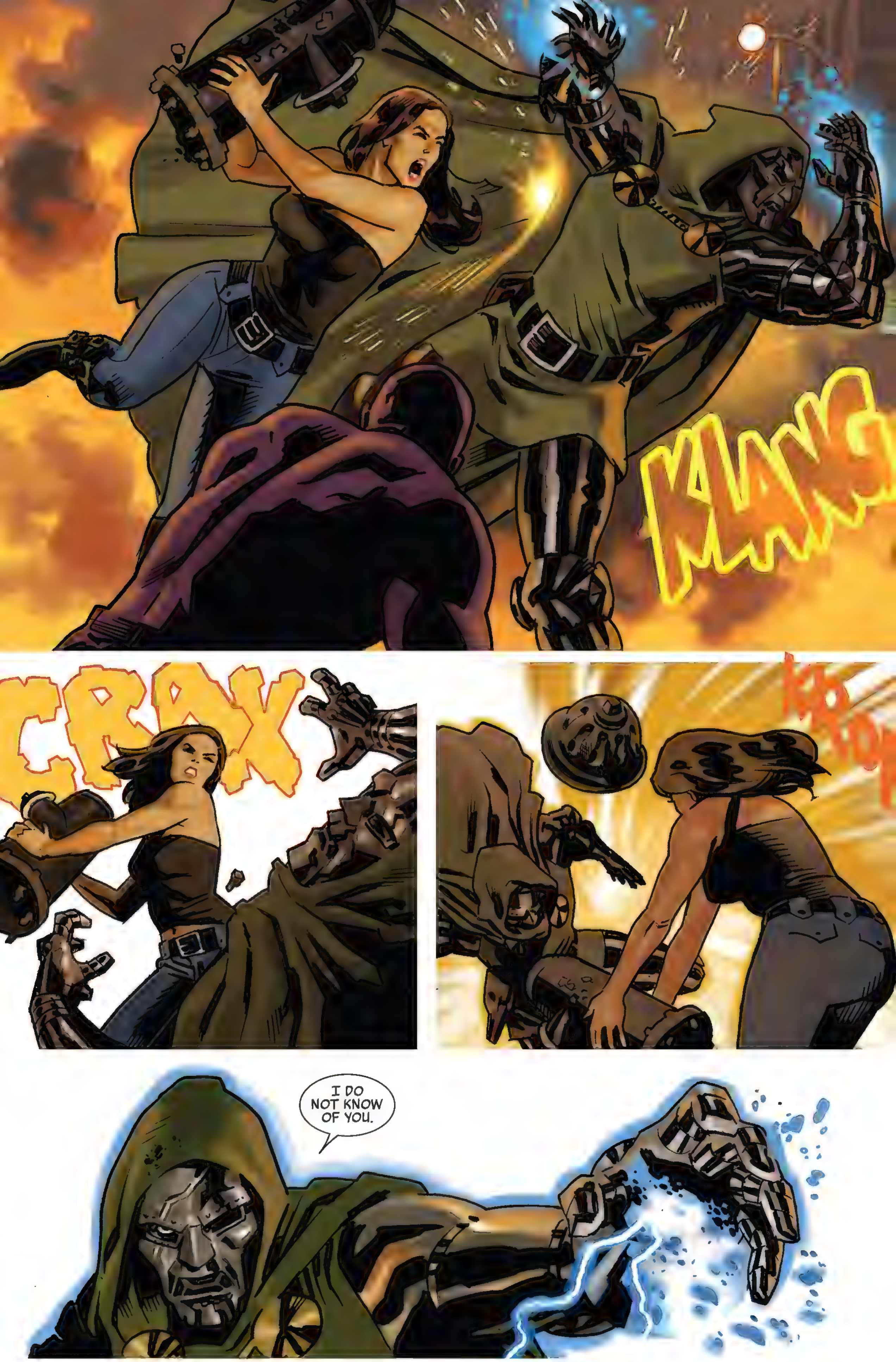


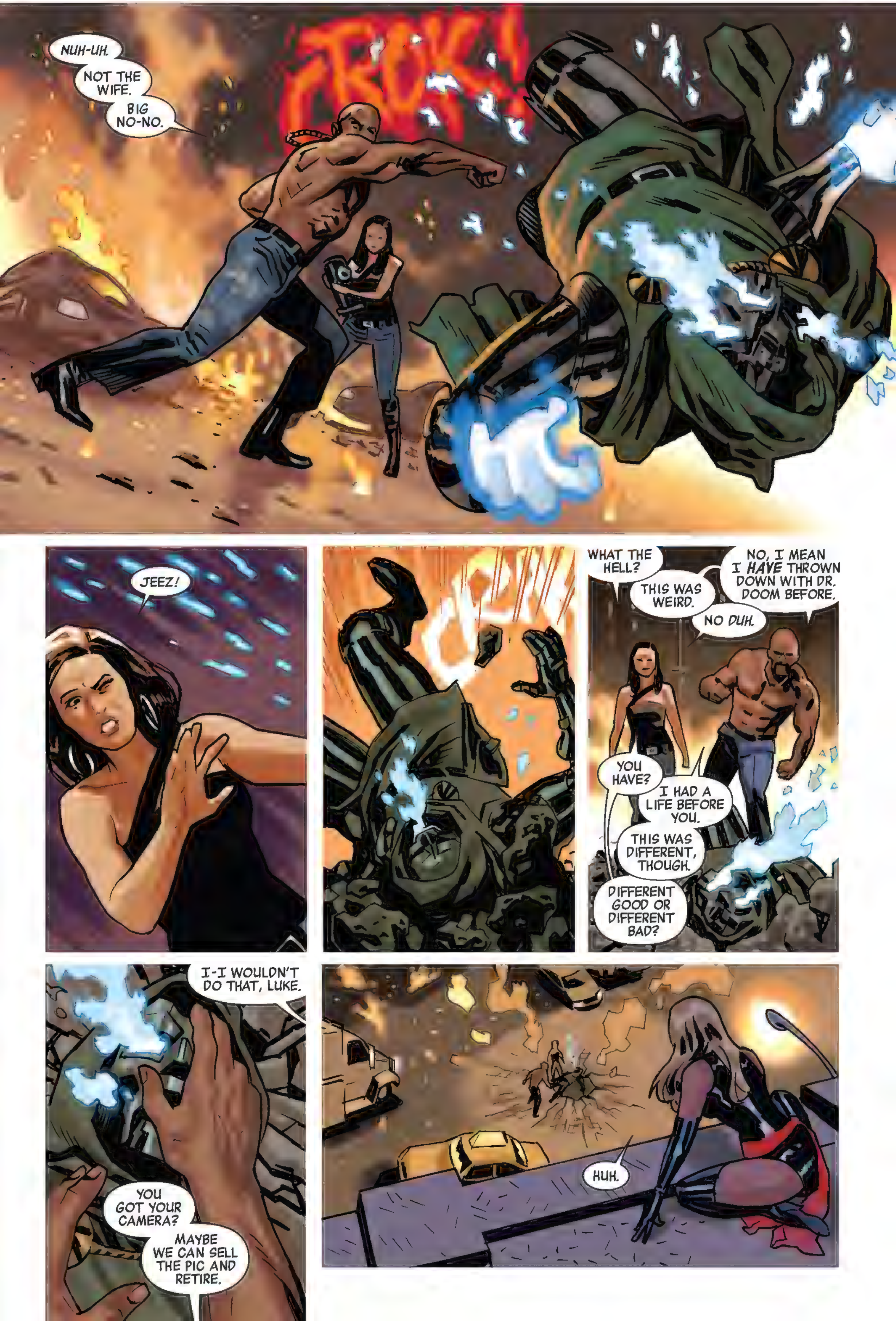

DOOM.
LUKE CAGE.
BZZZZZ
OH, MY GOD.
IT'S-- IT'S ME... JESSICA! GET THE AVENGERS OVER HERE!
GET THEM-- GET THEM TO--
AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

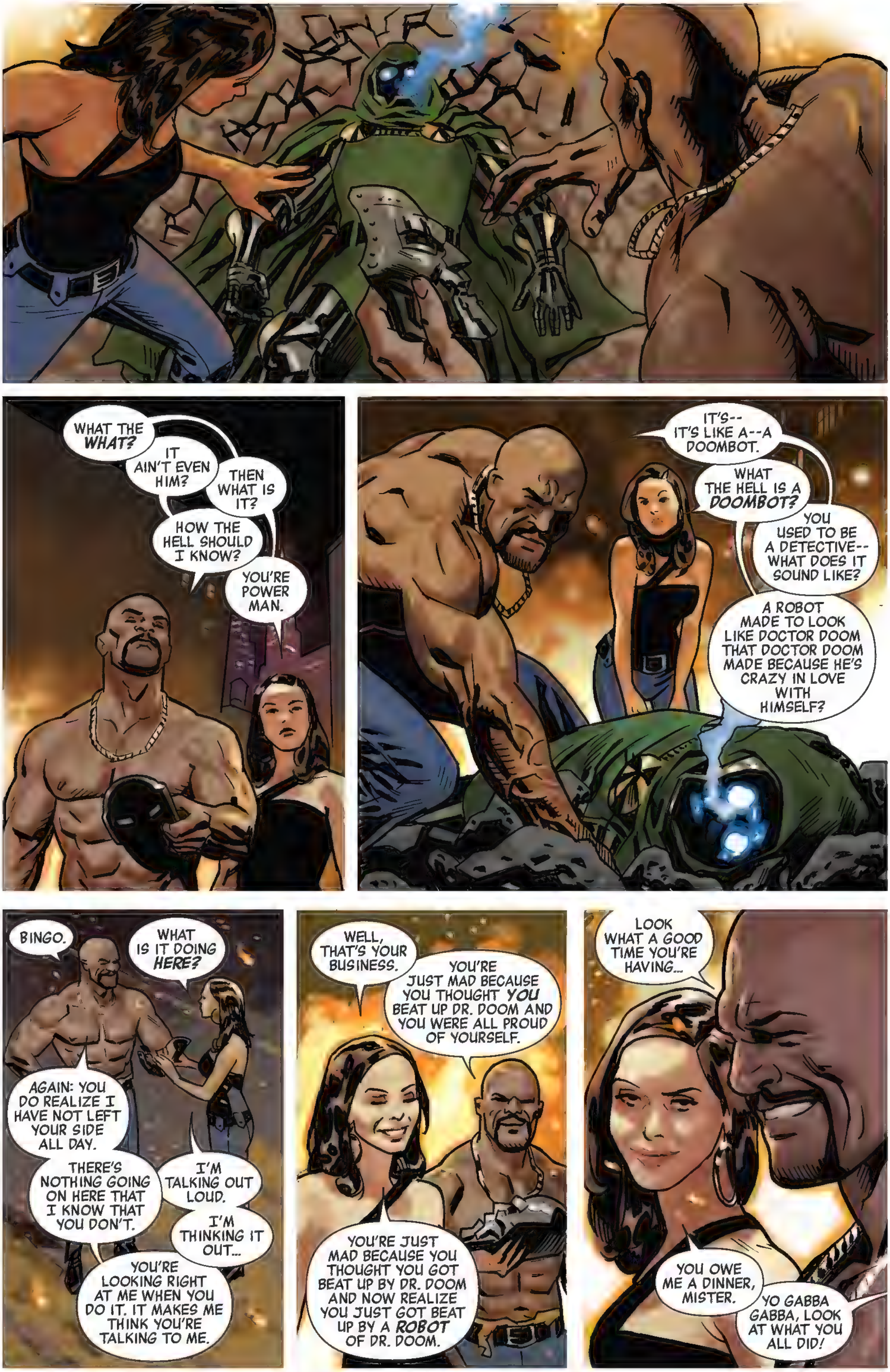

AGH!
GRAVITY IS NOT MY FRIEND TODAY.
YOU WILL NOT TOUCH MY ROYAL VISAGE.
SURE.
@#$%##! %#$%#!
MY CAB!
CKRAS
AAAIIEEE!

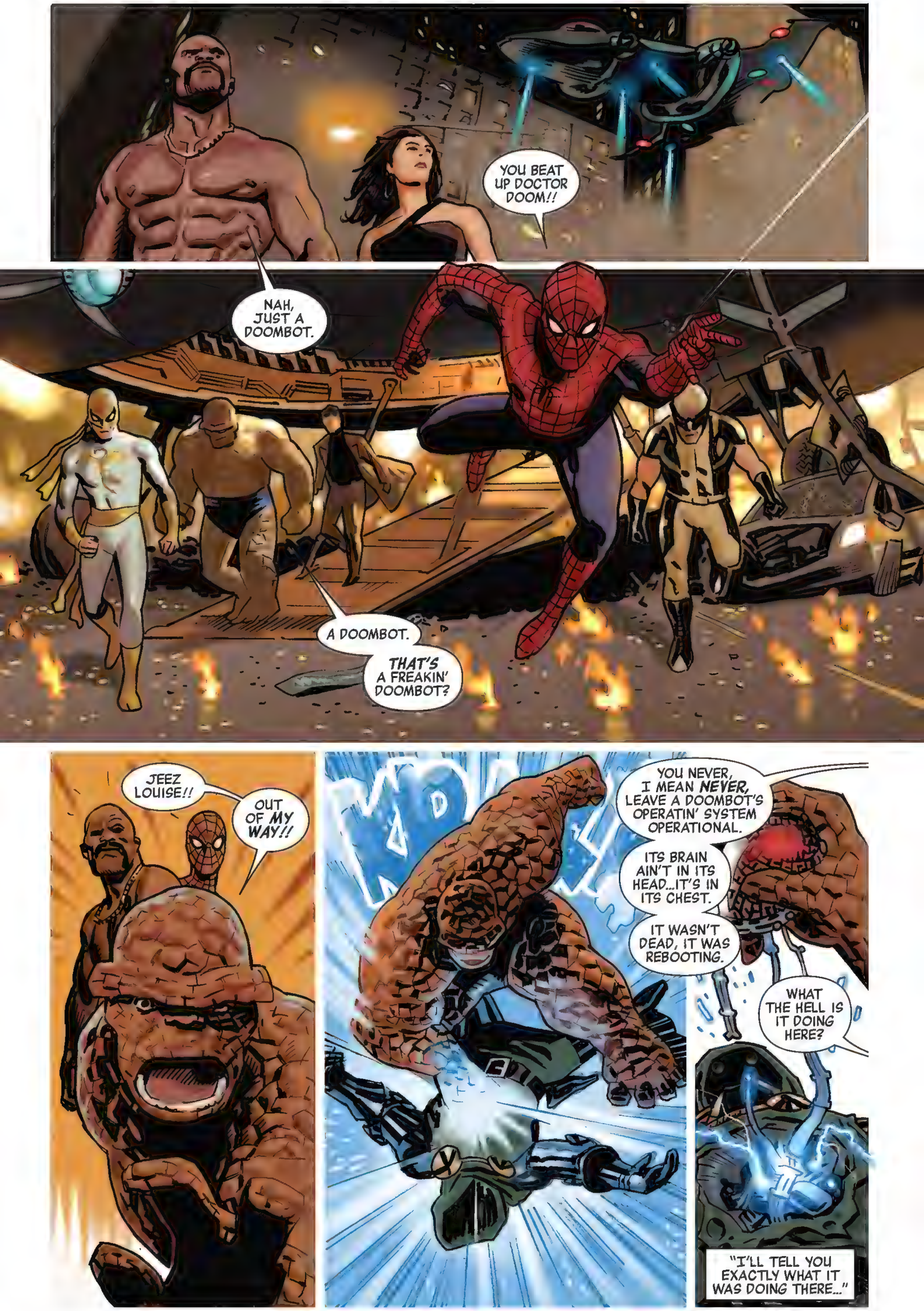

co & co Couture
CAROL.
LUKE.
HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?
I DON'T KNOW.
YOU CAME WITH IT.
I WAS FLYING BY AND IT CAME CRASHING DOWN ON TOP OF ME.
SKOOM
SKOOM
HEADS UP!
BOOM
I GOT IT.
ZZAAK
I DON'T SUPPOSE TELLING YOU YOU'RE UNDER ARREST WOULD DO ANY GOOD.
SHOOM
SMASHHHH

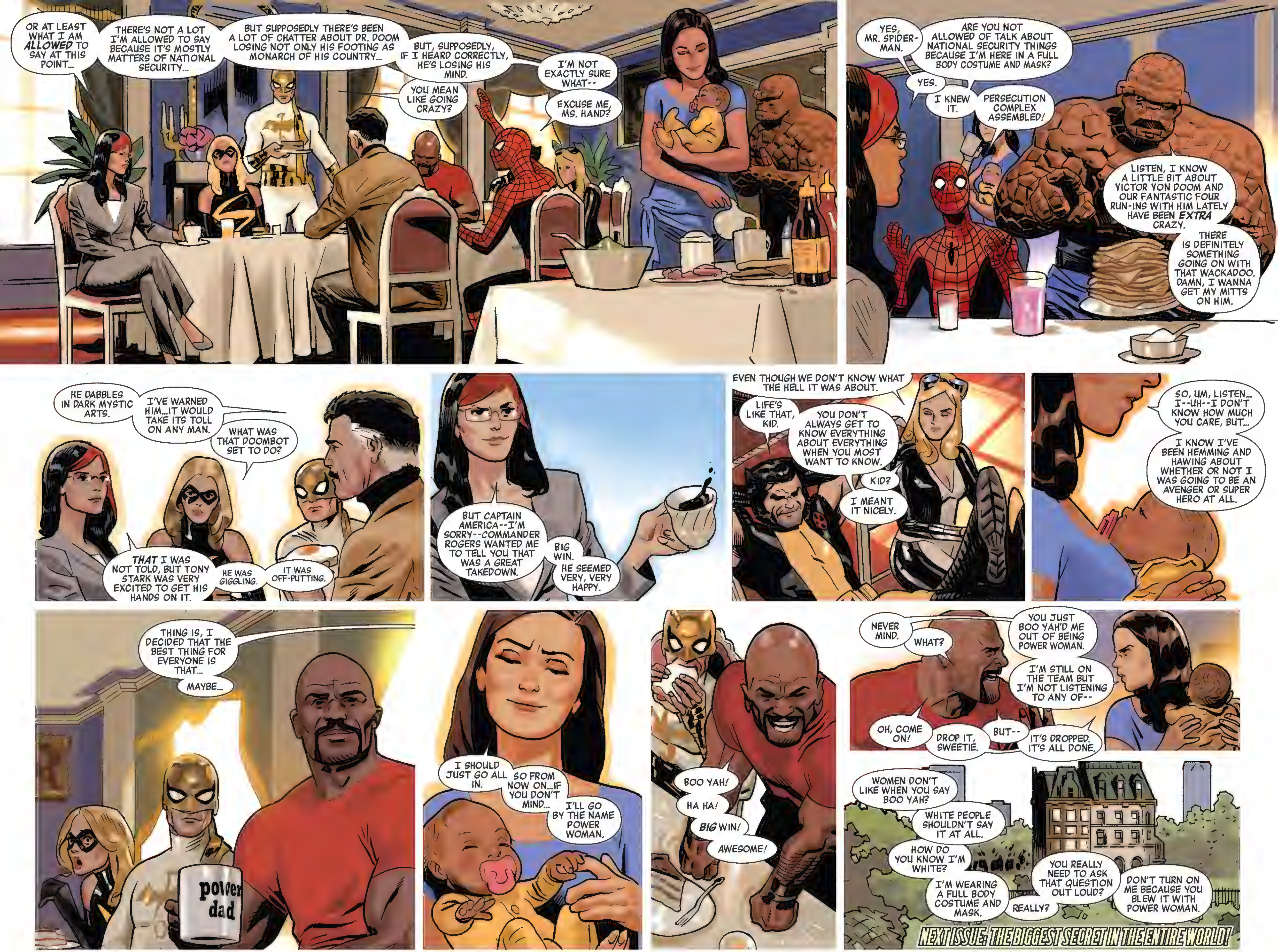

HOW'S THE DATE GOING?
I CAN'T GET THROUGH TO HER.
I TOLD YOU, LET IT BE.
LET HER FIGURE OUT WHAT SHE WANTS ON HER OWN.
WHAT'S THE PLAN?
o & outur
STALL HIM UNTIL THE REST OF THE AVENGERS GET HERE.
THAT IS A TERRIBLE PLAN.
OR WE COULD JUST LEAVE.
ZZZAAK
SON OF A--!
DAMN!
I'VE GOT TO SAY, DOOM... YOU ARE NOT YOUR USUAL CHATTY SELF.
WHERE'S ALL THE PROPAGANDA YOU LIKE TO THROW AT US WHILE YOU WHIP UP YOUR MAGIC WHAMMIES?
KRKABOOM
AIEE!
SHATOOM
AGH!
WHAT DID YOU DO TO ME?
THE END OF TIMES.


KLANG
CRAX
I DO NOT KNOW OF YOU.


NUH-UH.
NOT THE WIFE.
BIG NO-NO.
TROK!
JEEZ!
WHAT THE HELL?
THIS WAS WEIRD.
NO, I MEAN I *HAVE* THROWN DOWN WITH DR. DOOM BEFORE.
NO DUH.
YOU HAVE?
I HAD A LIFE BEFORE YOU.
THIS WAS DIFFERENT, THOUGH.
DIFFERENT GOOD OR DIFFERENT BAD?
I-I WOULDN'T DO THAT, LUKE.
YOU GOT YOUR CAMERA?
MAYBE WE CAN SELL THE PIC AND RETIRE.
HUH.


WHAT THE *WHAT?*
IT AIN'T EVEN HIM?
THEN WHAT IS IT?
HOW THE HELL SHOULD I KNOW?
YOU'RE POWER MAN.
IT'S-- IT'S LIKE A--A DOOMBOT.
WHAT THE HELL IS A *DOOMBOT?*
YOU USED TO BE A DETECTIVE-- WHAT DOES IT SOUND LIKE?
A ROBOT MADE TO LOOK LIKE DOCTOR DOOM THAT DOCTOR DOOM MADE BECAUSE HE'S CRAZY IN LOVE WITH HIMSELF?
BINGO.
WHAT IS IT DOING *HERE?*
AGAIN: YOU DO REALIZE I HAVE NOT LEFT YOUR SIDE ALL DAY.
THERE'S NOTHING GOING ON HERE THAT I KNOW THAT YOU DON'T.
I'M TALKING OUT LOUD.
I'M THINKING IT OUT...
YOU'RE LOOKING RIGHT AT ME WHEN YOU DO IT. IT MAKES ME THINK YOU'RE TALKING TO ME.
WELL, THAT'S YOUR BUSINESS.
YOU'RE JUST MAD BECAUSE YOU THOUGHT *YOU* BEAT UP DR. DOOM AND YOU WERE ALL PROUD OF YOURSELF.
YOU'RE JUST MAD BECAUSE YOU THOUGHT YOU GOT BEAT UP BY DR. DOOM AND NOW REALIZE YOU JUST GOT BEAT UP BY A *ROBOT* OF DR. DOOM.
LOOK WHAT A GOOD TIME YOU'RE HAVING...
YOU OWE ME A DINNER, MISTER.
YO GABBA GABBA, LOOK AT WHAT YOU ALL DID!


YOU BEAT UP DOCTOR DOOM!!
NAH, JUST A DOOMBOT.
A DOOMBOT.
THAT'S A FREAKIN' DOOMBOT?
JEEZ LOUISE!!
OUT OF *MY* WAY!!
YOU NEVER, I MEAN ***NEVER,*** LEAVE A DOOMBOT'S OPERATIN' SYSTEM OPERATIONAL.
ITS BRAIN AIN'T IN ITS HEAD...IT'S IN ITS CHEST.
IT WASN'T DEAD, IT WAS REBOOTING.
WHAT THE HELL IS IT DOING HERE?
"I'LL TELL YOU EXACTLY WHAT IT WAS DOING THERE..."


OR AT LEAST WHAT I AM *ALLOWED* TO SAY AT THIS POINT...
THERE'S NOT A LOT I'M ALLOWED TO SAY BECAUSE IT'S MOSTLY MATTERS OF NATIONAL SECURITY...
BUT SUPPOSEDLY THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF CHATTER ABOUT DR. DOOM LOSING NOT ONLY HIS FOOTING AS MONARCH OF HIS COUNTRY...
BUT, SUPPOSEDLY, IF I HEARD CORRECTLY, HE'S LOSING HIS MIND.
YOU MEAN LIKE GOING CRAZY?
I'M NOT EXACTLY SURE WHAT--
EXCUSE ME, MS. HAND?
YES, MR. SPIDER-MAN.
ARE YOU NOT ALLOWED OF TALK ABOUT NATIONAL SECURITY THINGS BECAUSE I'M HERE IN A FULL BODY COSTUME AND MASK?
YES.
I KNEW IT.
PERSECUTION COMPLEX ASSEMBLED!
LISTEN, I KNOW A LITTLE BIT ABOUT VICTOR VON DOOM AND OUR FANTASTIC FOUR RUN-INS WITH HIM LATELY HAVE BEEN *EXTRA* CRAZY.
THERE IS DEFINITELY SOMETHING GOING ON WITH THAT WACKADOO. DAMN, I WANNA GET MY MITTS ON HIM.
HE DABBLES IN DARK MYSTIC ARTS.
I'VE WARNED HIM...IT WOULD TAKE ITS TOLL ON ANY MAN.
WHAT WAS THAT DOOMBOT SET TO DO?
THAT I WAS NOT TOLD, BUT TONY STARK WAS VERY EXCITED TO GET HIS HANDS ON IT.
HE WAS GIGGLING.
IT WAS OFF-PUTTING.
BUT CAPTAIN AMERICA--I'M SORRY--COMMANDER ROGERS WANTED ME TO TELL YOU THAT WAS A GREAT TAKEDOWN.
BIG WIN.
HE SEEMED VERY, VERY HAPPY.
EVEN THOUGH WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE HELL IT WAS ABOUT.
LIFE'S LIKE THAT, KID.
YOU DON'T ALWAYS GET TO KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT EVERYTHING WHEN YOU MOST WANT TO KNOW.
KID?
I MEANT IT NICELY.
SO, UM, LISTEN... I--UH--I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH YOU CARE, BUT...
I KNOW I'VE BEEN HEMMING AND HAWING ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT I WAS GOING TO BE AN AVENGER OR SUPER HERO AT ALL.
THING IS, I DECIDED THAT THE BEST THING FOR EVERYONE IS THAT...
MAYBE...
power dad
I SHOULD JUST GO ALL IN.
SO FROM NOW ON...IF YOU DON'T MIND...
I'LL GO BY THE NAME POWER WOMAN.
BOO YAH!
HA HA!
BIG WIN!
AWESOME!
NEVER MIND.
WHAT?
YOU JUST BOO YAH'D ME OUT OF BEING POWER WOMAN.
I'M STILL ON THE TEAM BUT I'M NOT LISTENING TO ANY OF--
OH, COME ON!
DROP IT, SWEETIE.
BUT--
IT'S DROPPED. IT'S ALL DONE.
WOMEN DON'T LIKE WHEN YOU SAY BOO YAH?
WHITE PEOPLE SHOULDN'T SAY IT AT ALL.
HOW DO YOU KNOW I'M WHITE?
I'M WEARING A FULL BODY COSTUME AND MASK.
REALLY?
YOU REALLY NEED TO ASK THAT QUESTION OUT LOUD?
DON'T TURN ON ME BECAUSE YOU BLEW IT WITH POWER WOMAN.
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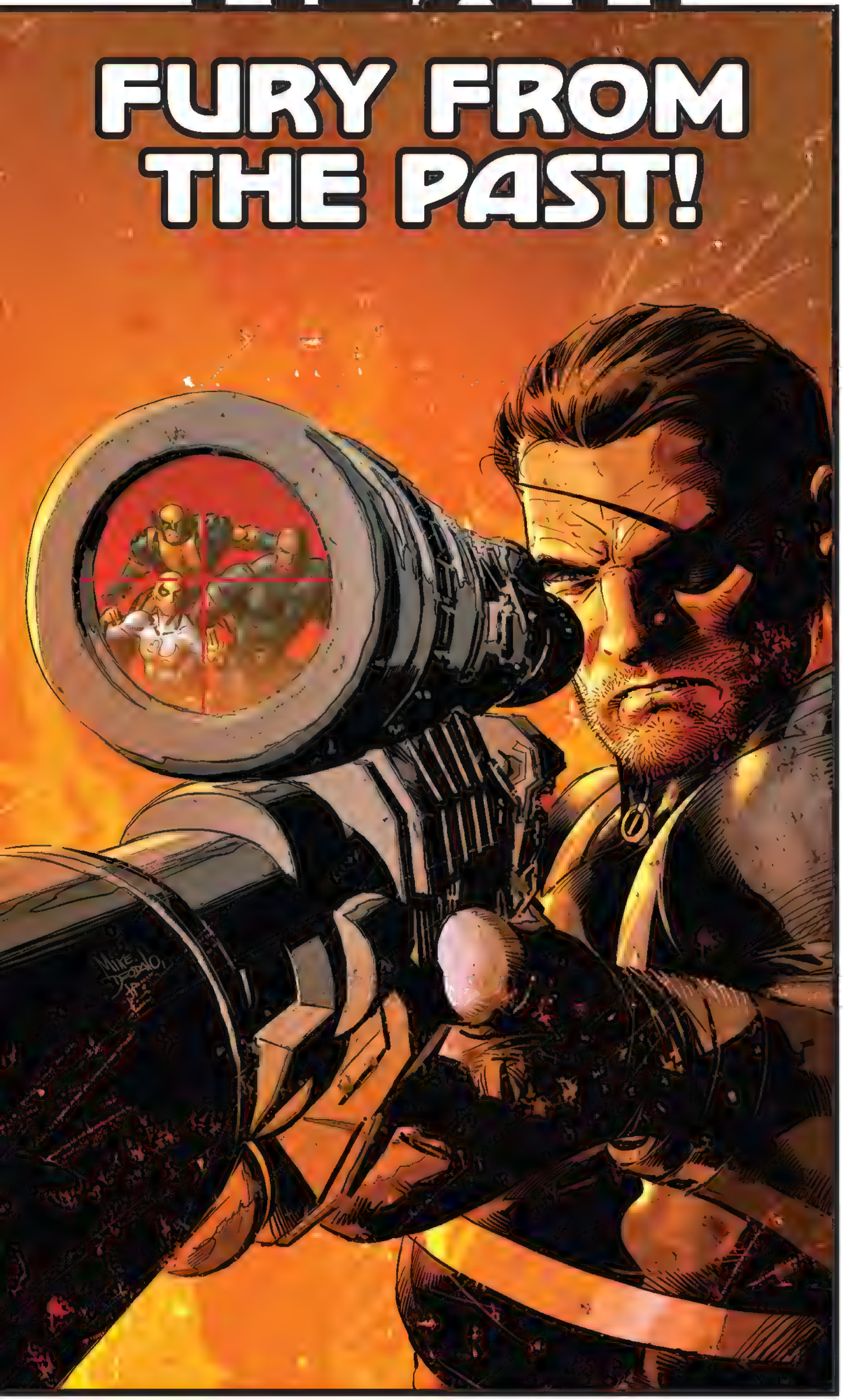
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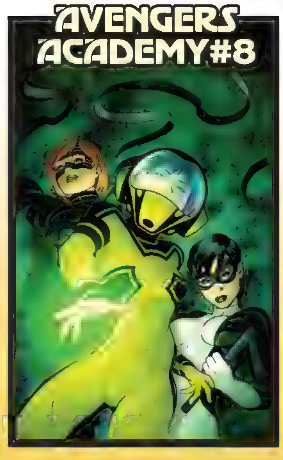
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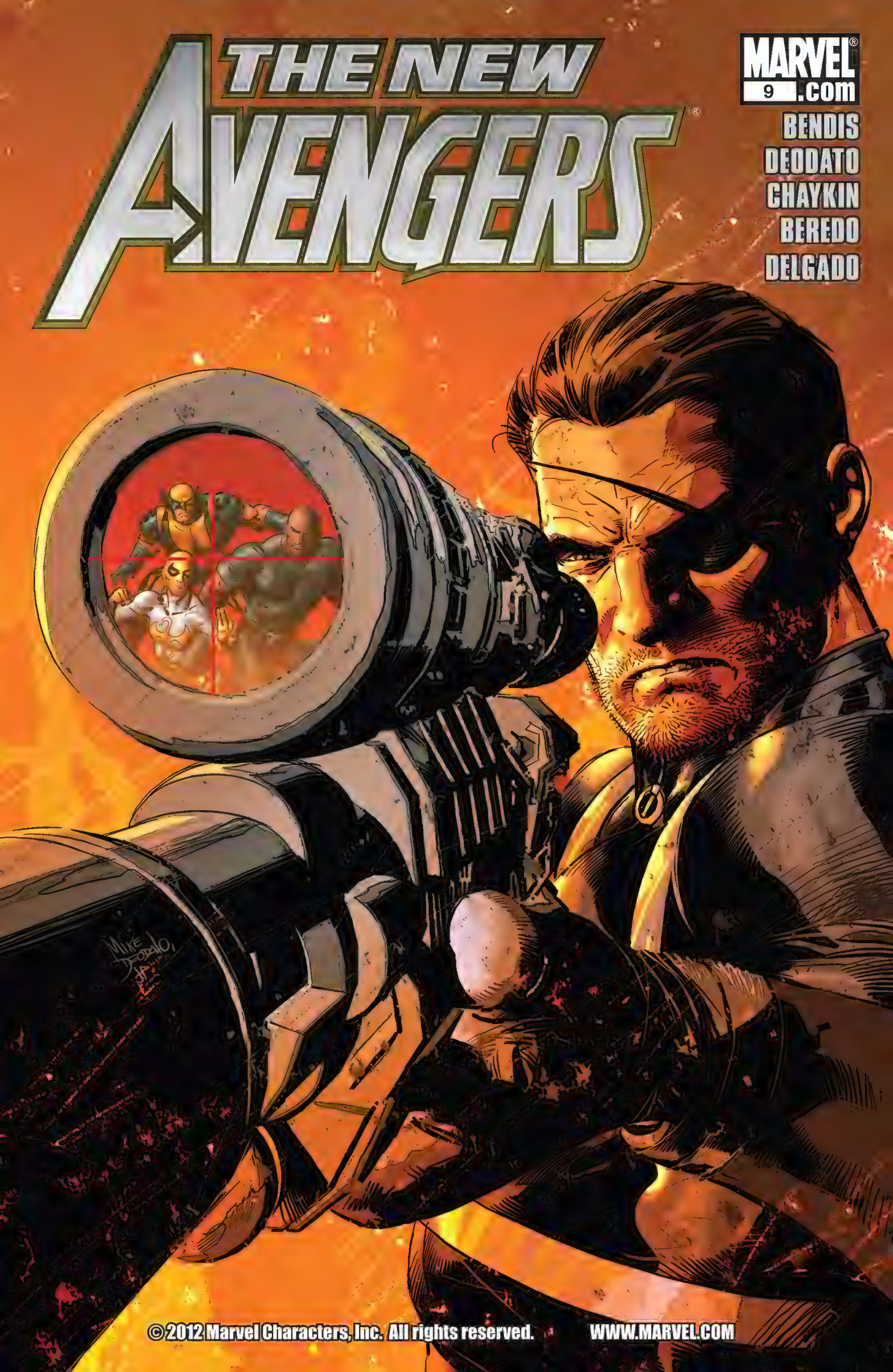

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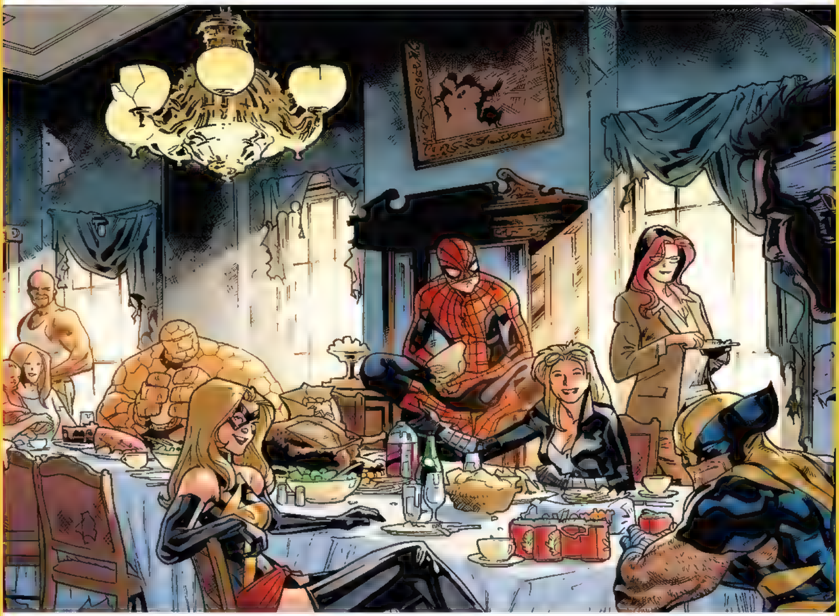

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RECENTLY, THERE HAVE BEEN TWO NEW ADDITIONS TO THE MANSION: WONG, DOCTOR STRANGE'S ASSISTANT AND NOW RELUCTANT HOUSEKEEPER, AND SQUIRREL GIRL, SUPER HERO AND NOW SUPERNANNY TO THE DAUGHTER OF LUKE CAGE AND JESSICA JONES.

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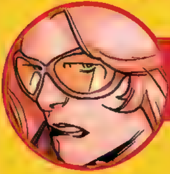

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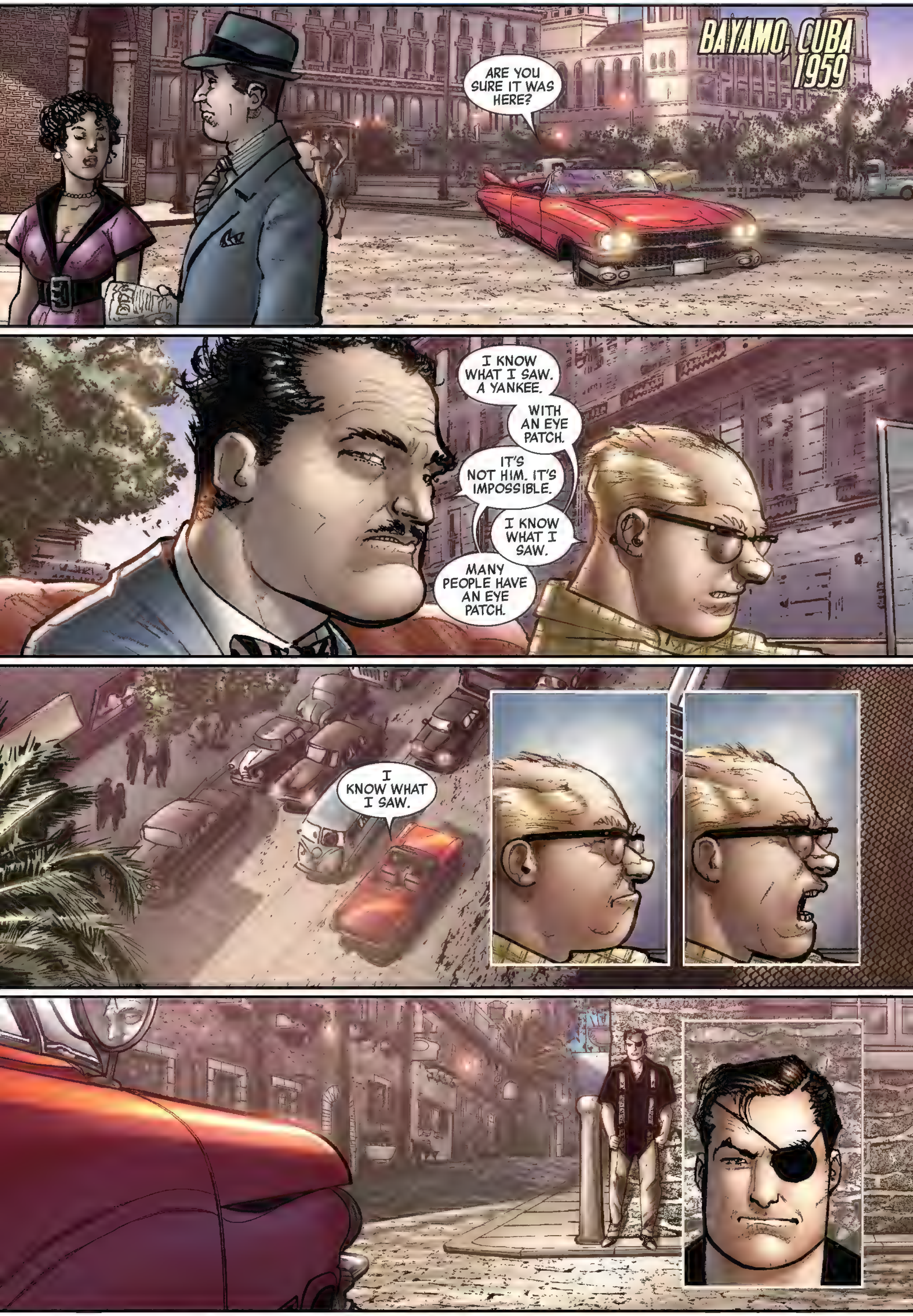
BAYAMO, CUBA 1959
ARE YOU SURE IT WAS HERE?
I KNOW WHAT I SAW. A YANKEE.
WITH AN EYE PATCH.
IT'S NOT HIM. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
I KNOW WHAT I SAW.
MANY PEOPLE HAVE AN EYE PATCH.
I KNOW WHAT I SAW.

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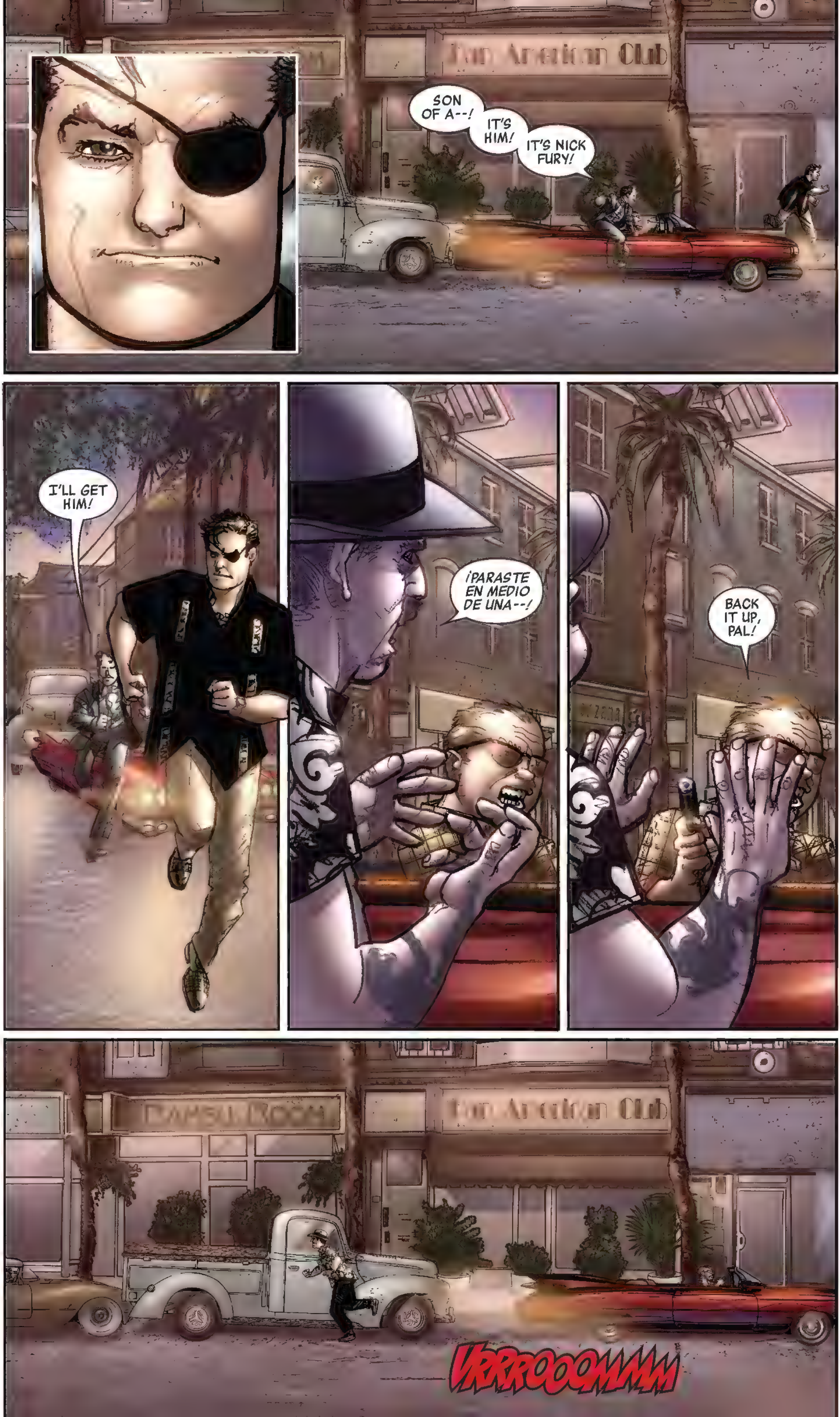
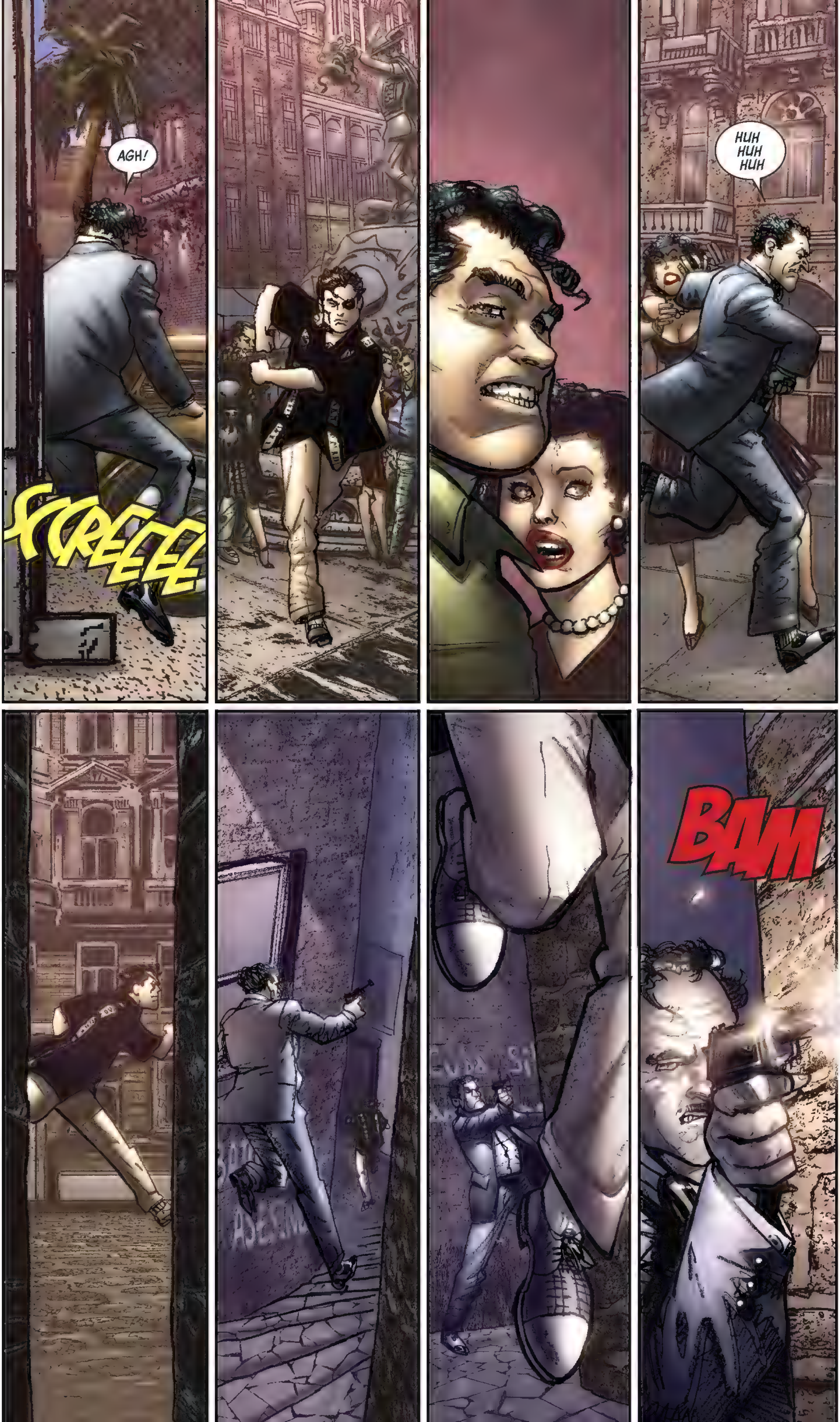
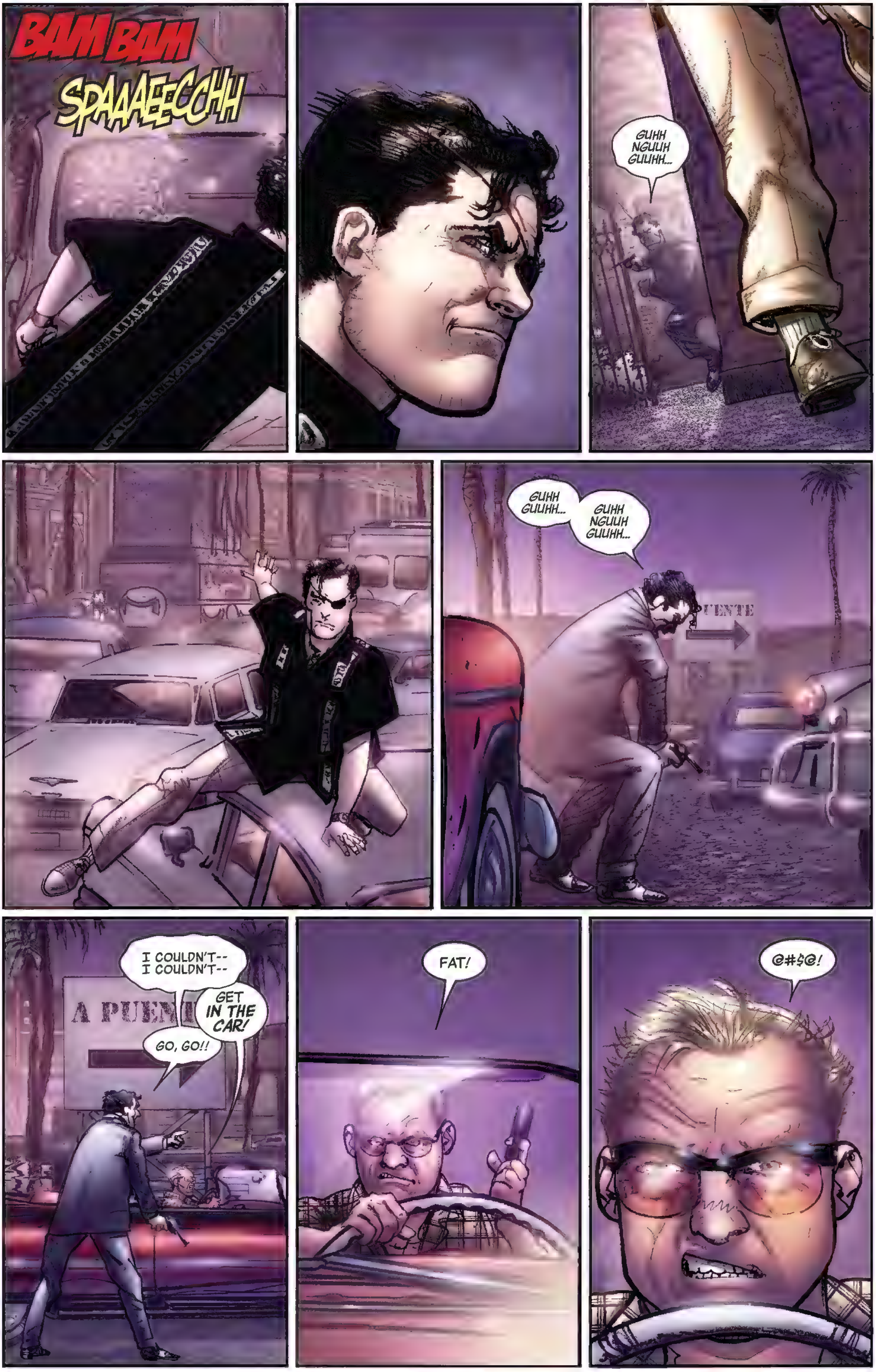
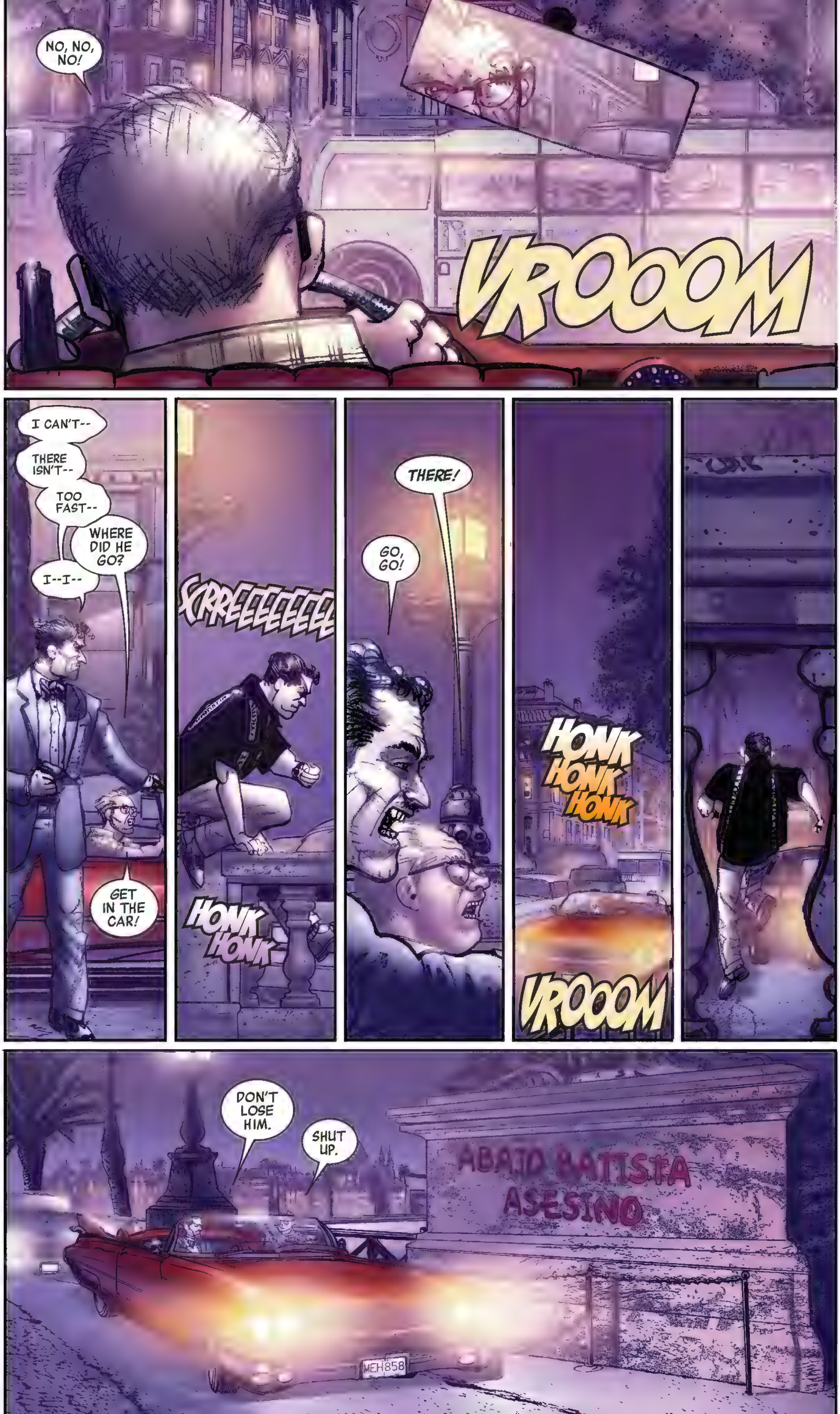
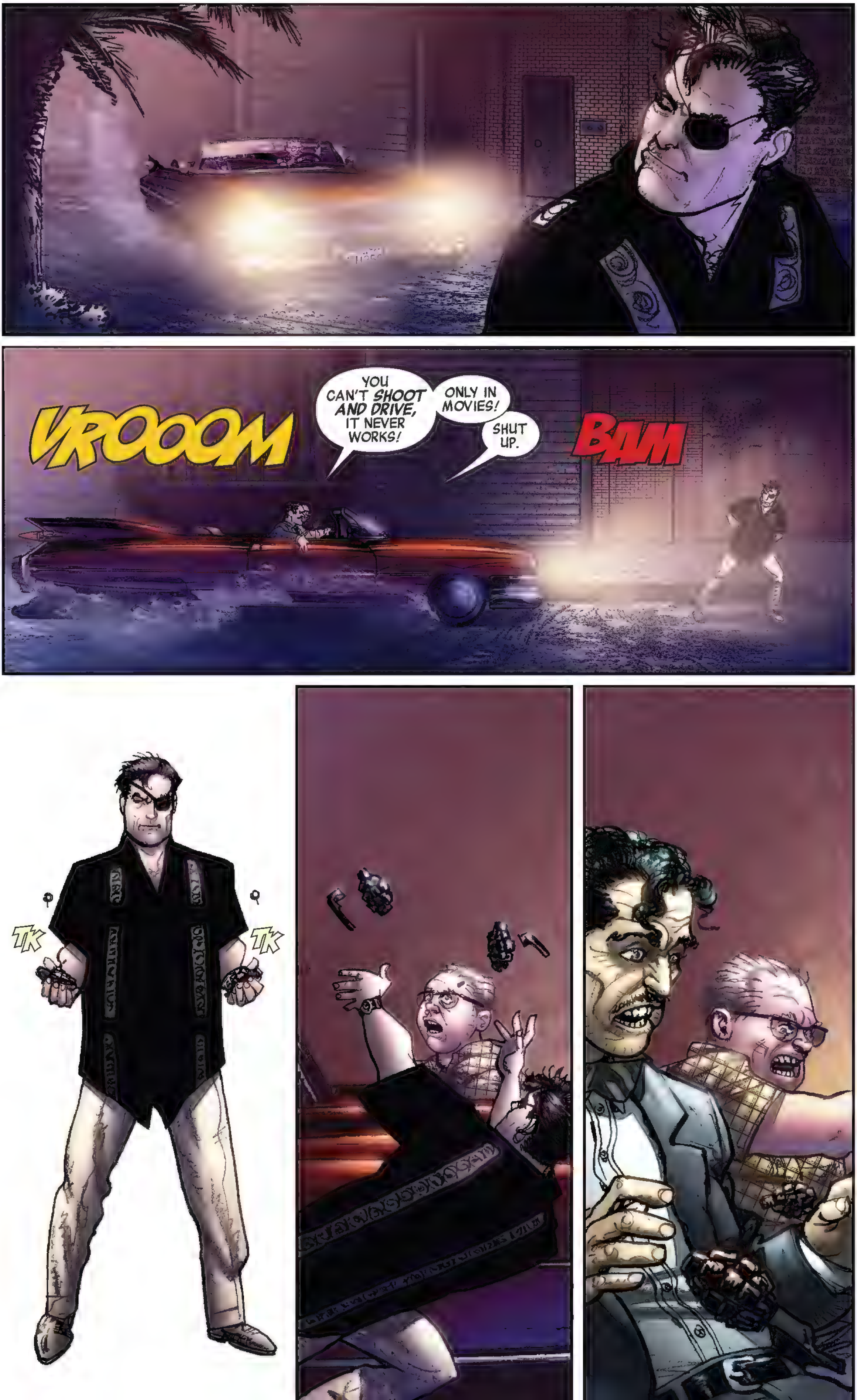
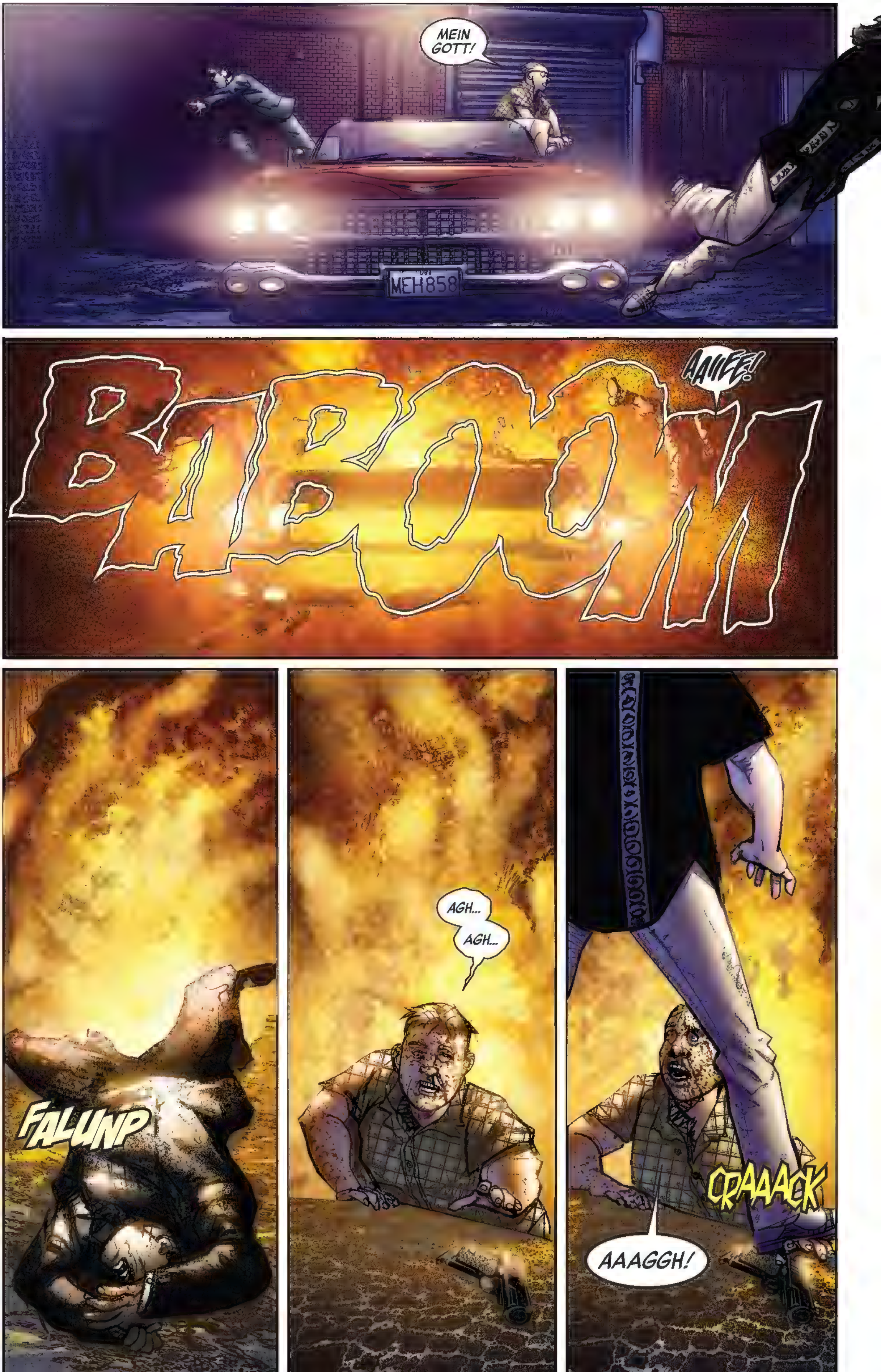

Pan American Club
SON OF A--!
IT'S HIM!
IT'S NICK FURY!
I'LL GET HIM!
¡PARASTE EN MEDIO DE UNA--!
BACK IT UP, PAL!
Pan American Club
VRRROOOMMM


AGH!
SCREEEE
HUH HUH HUH
BAM


BAM BAM
SPAAAEECCHH
GUHH NGUUH GUUHH...
GUHH GUUHH...
GUHH NGUUH GUUHH...
UENTE
I COULDN'T-- I COULDN'T--
A PUEN
GET IN THE CAR!
GO, GO!!
FAT!
@#$@!


NO, NO, NO!
VROOOM
I CAN'T--
THERE ISN'T--
TOO FAST--
WHERE DID HE GO?
I--I--
GET IN THE CAR!
SCRREEEEEEEE
HONK HONK
THERE!
GO, GO!
HONK HONK HONK
VROOOM
DON'T LOSE HIM.
SHUT UP.
ABAJO BATISTA ASESINO
MEH858


VROOOM
YOU CAN'T *SHOOT AND DRIVE,* IT NEVER WORKS!
ONLY IN MOVIES!
SHUT UP.
BAM
TK
TK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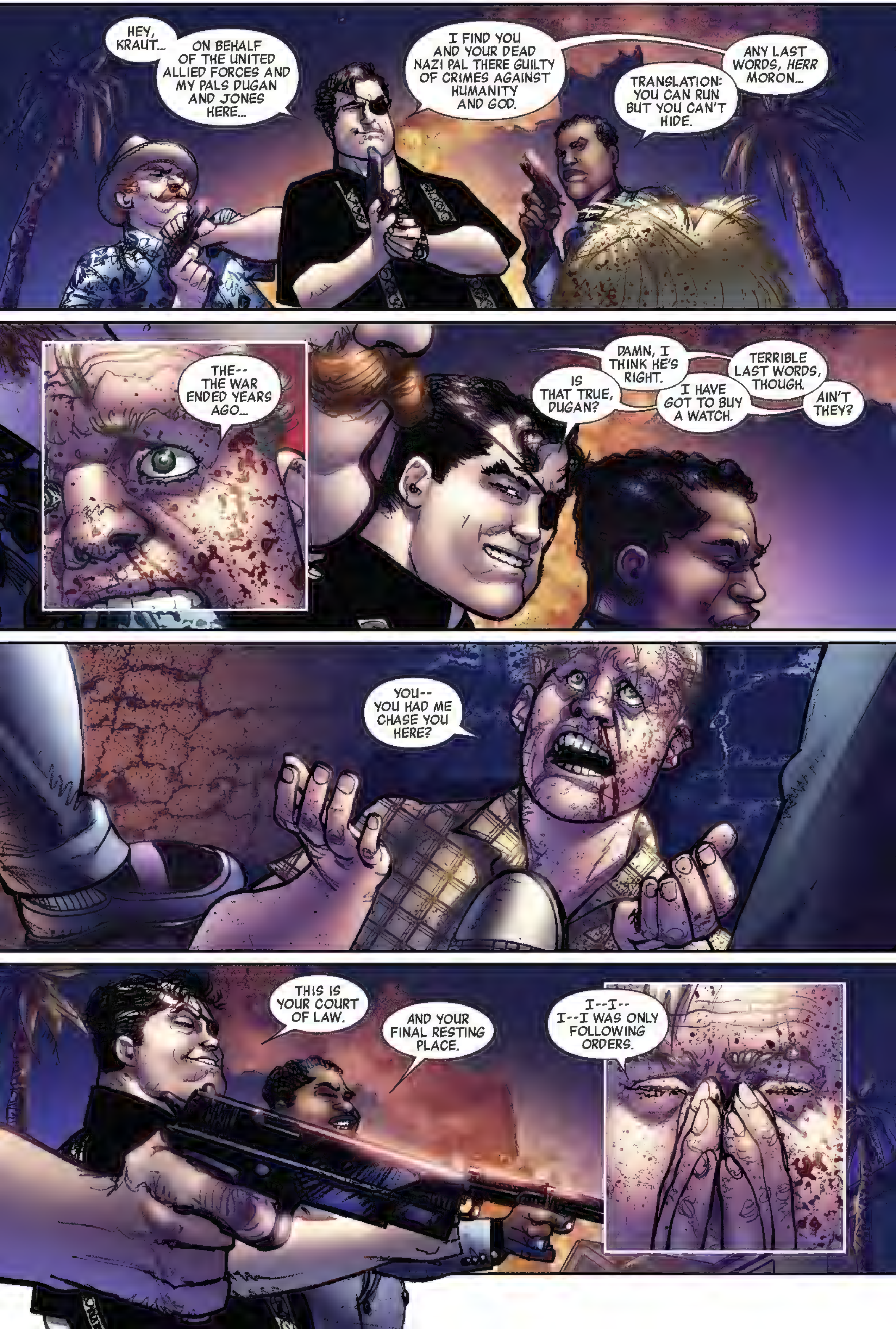
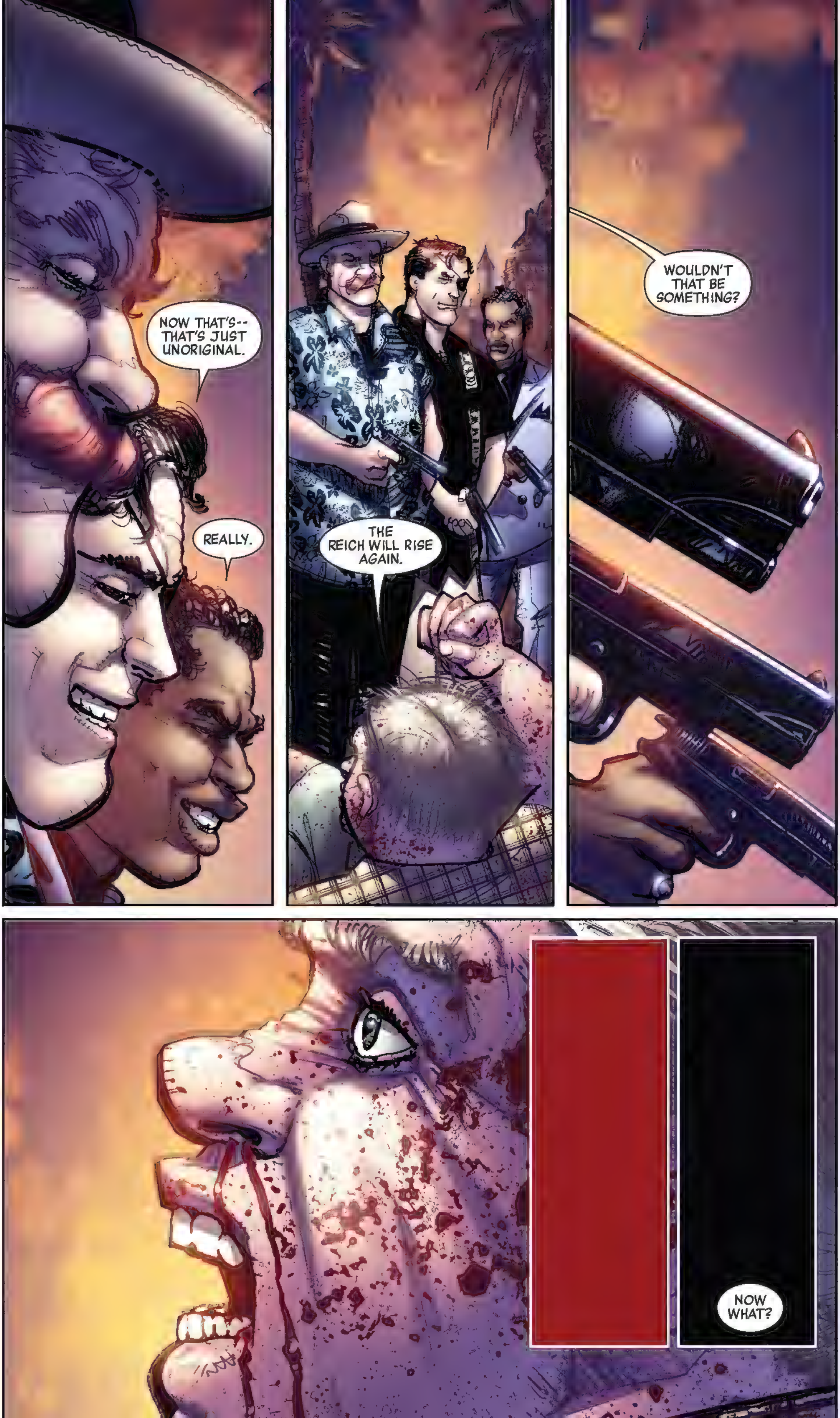
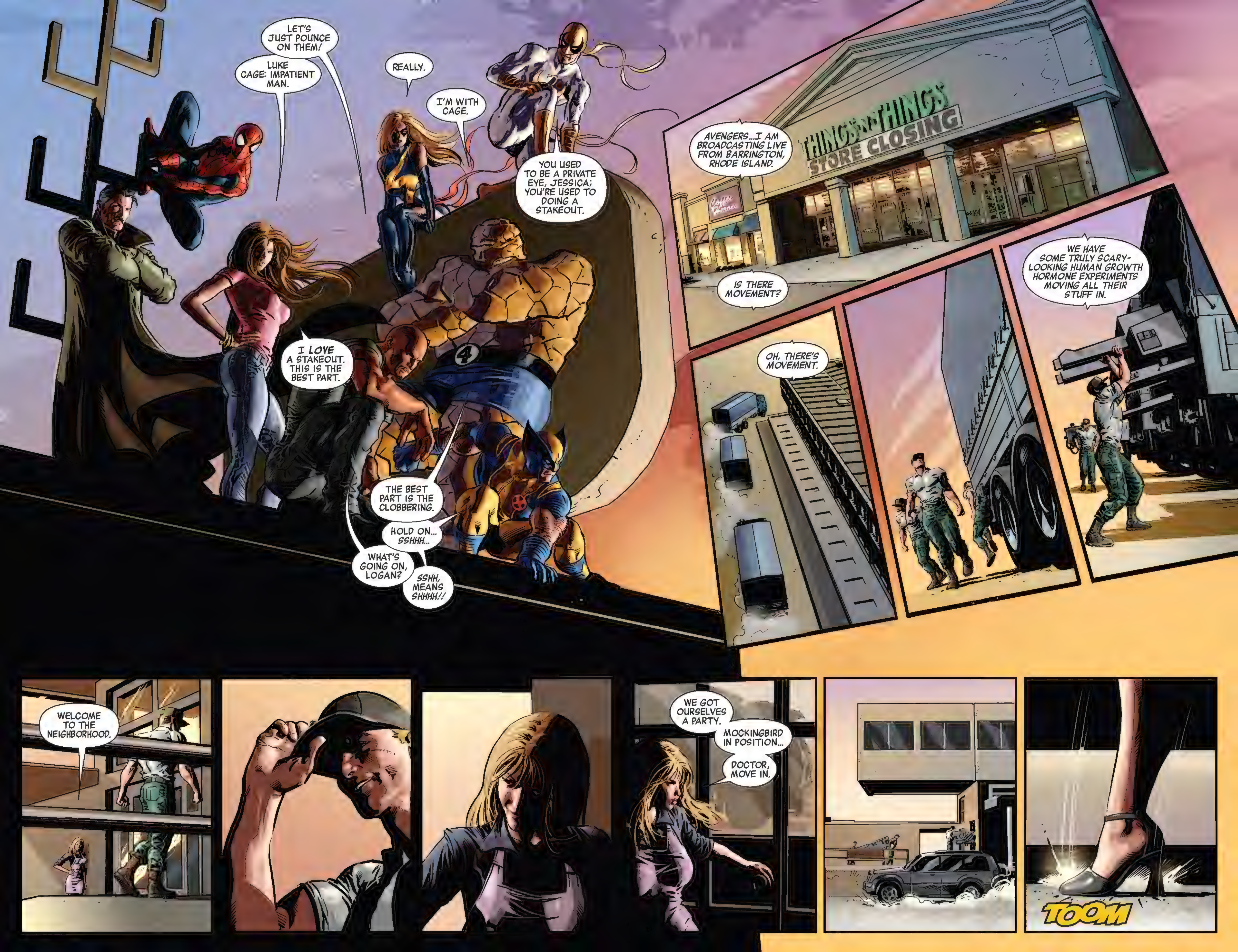
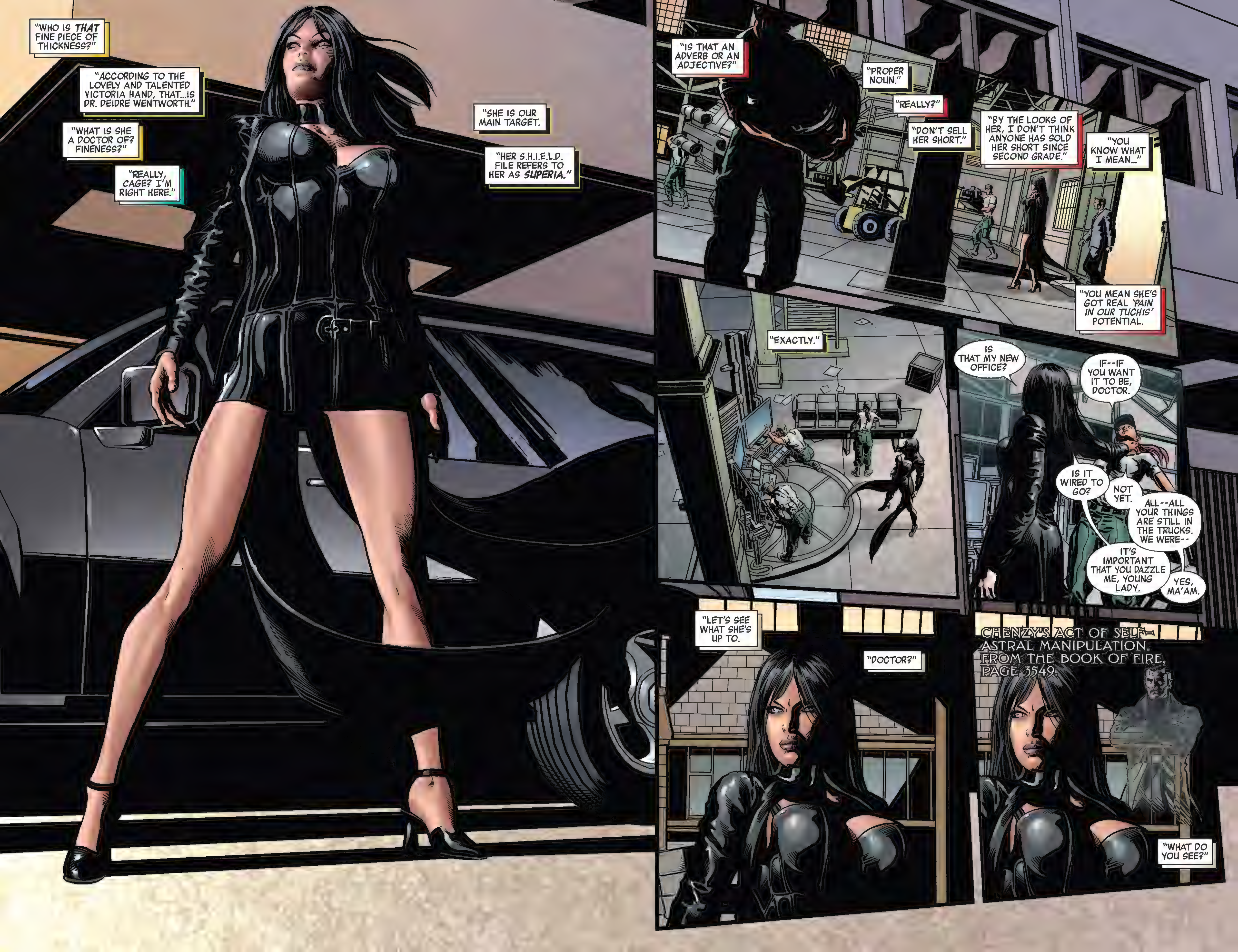
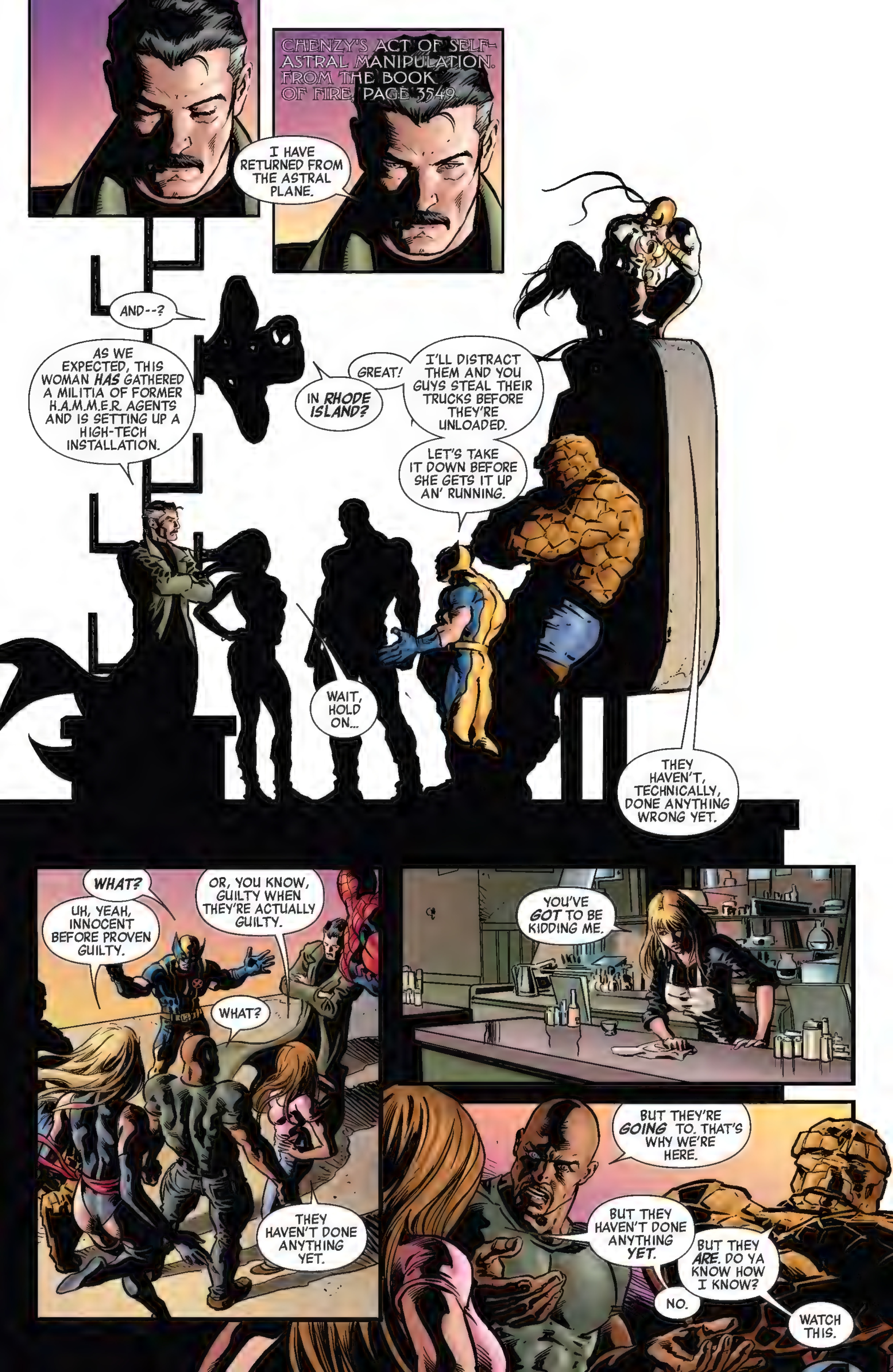
MEH858
BABOOM
AAIIEE!
FALUNP
AGH...
AGH...
CRAAACK
AAAGGH!

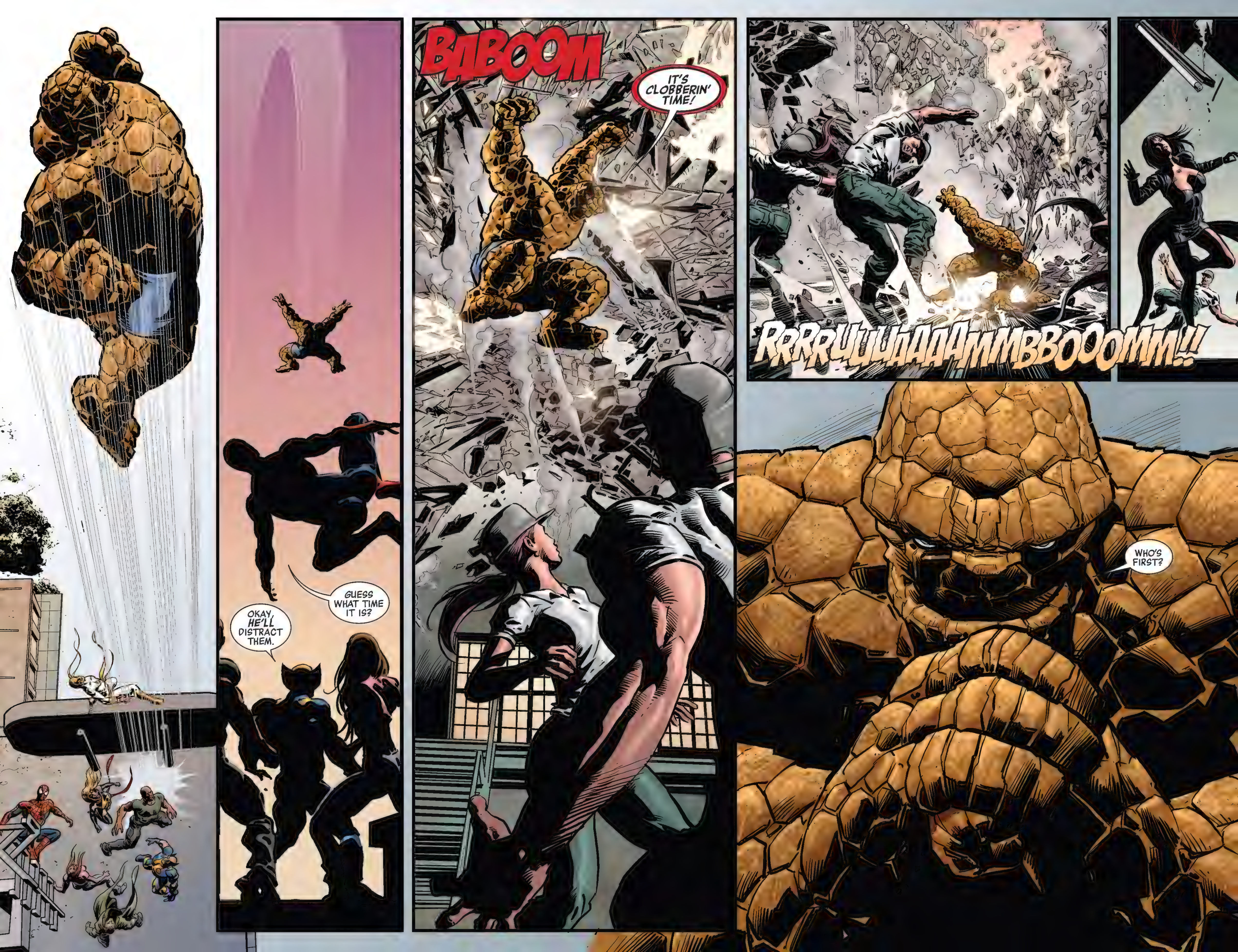

HEY, KRAUT...
ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED ALLIED FORCES AND MY PALS DUGAN AND JONES HERE...
I FIND YOU AND YOUR DEAD NAZI PAL THERE GUILTY OF CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY AND GOD.
ANY LAST WORDS, *HERR* MORON...
TRANSLATION: YOU CAN RUN BUT YOU CAN'T HIDE.
THE-- THE WAR ENDED YEARS AGO...
IS THAT TRUE, DUGAN?
DAMN, I THINK HE'S RIGHT.
I HAVE GOT TO BUY A WATCH.
TERRIBLE LAST WORDS, THOUGH.
AIN'T THEY?
YOU-- YOU HAD ME CHASE YOU HERE?
THIS IS YOUR COURT OF LAW.
AND YOUR FINAL RESTING PLACE.
I--I-- I--I WAS ONLY FOLLOWING ORDERS.

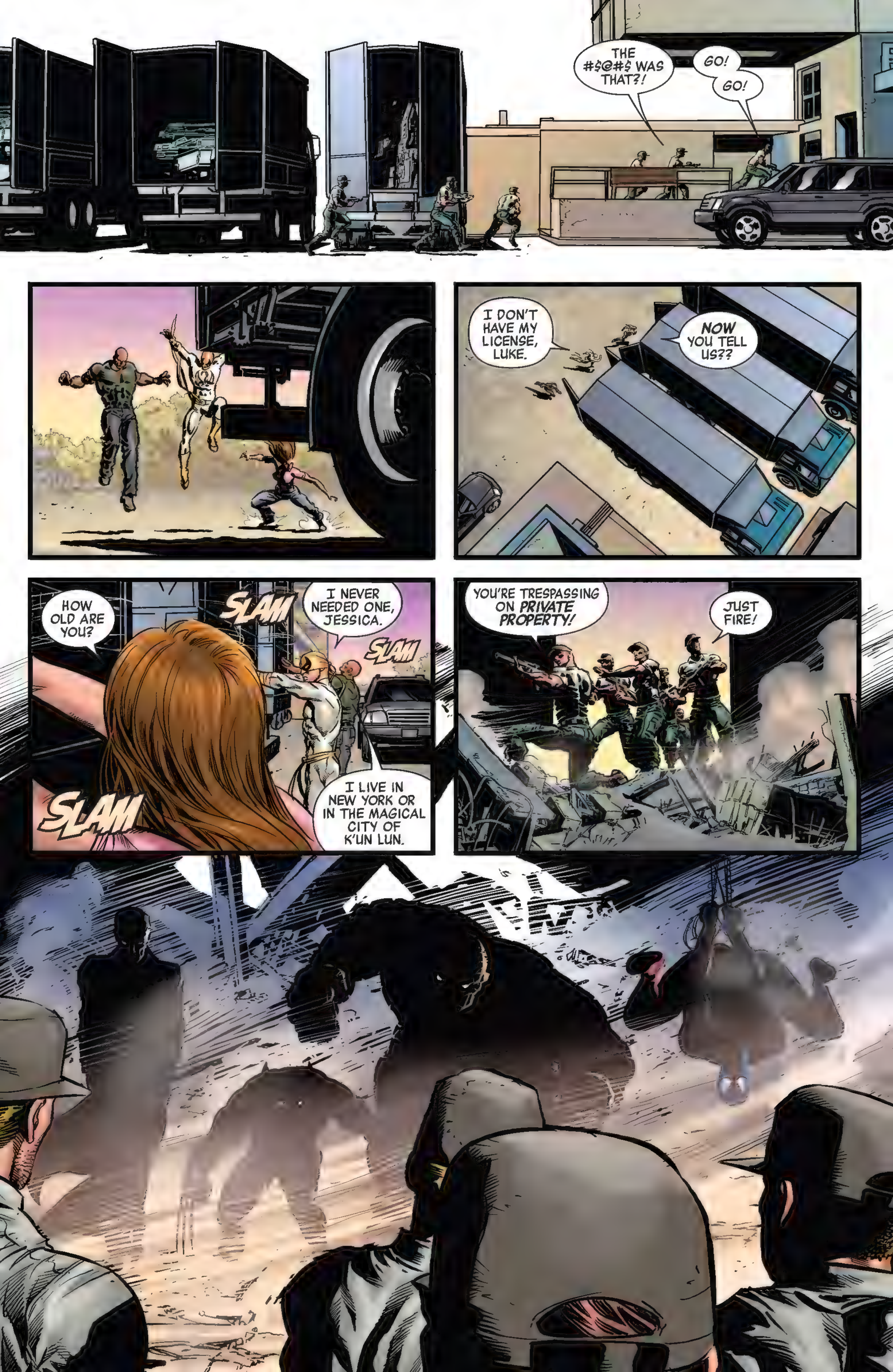

NOW THAT'S--
THAT'S JUST
UNORIGINAL.
REALLY.
THE
REICH WILL RISE
AGAIN.
WOULDN'T
THAT BE
SOMETHING?
NOW
WHAT?

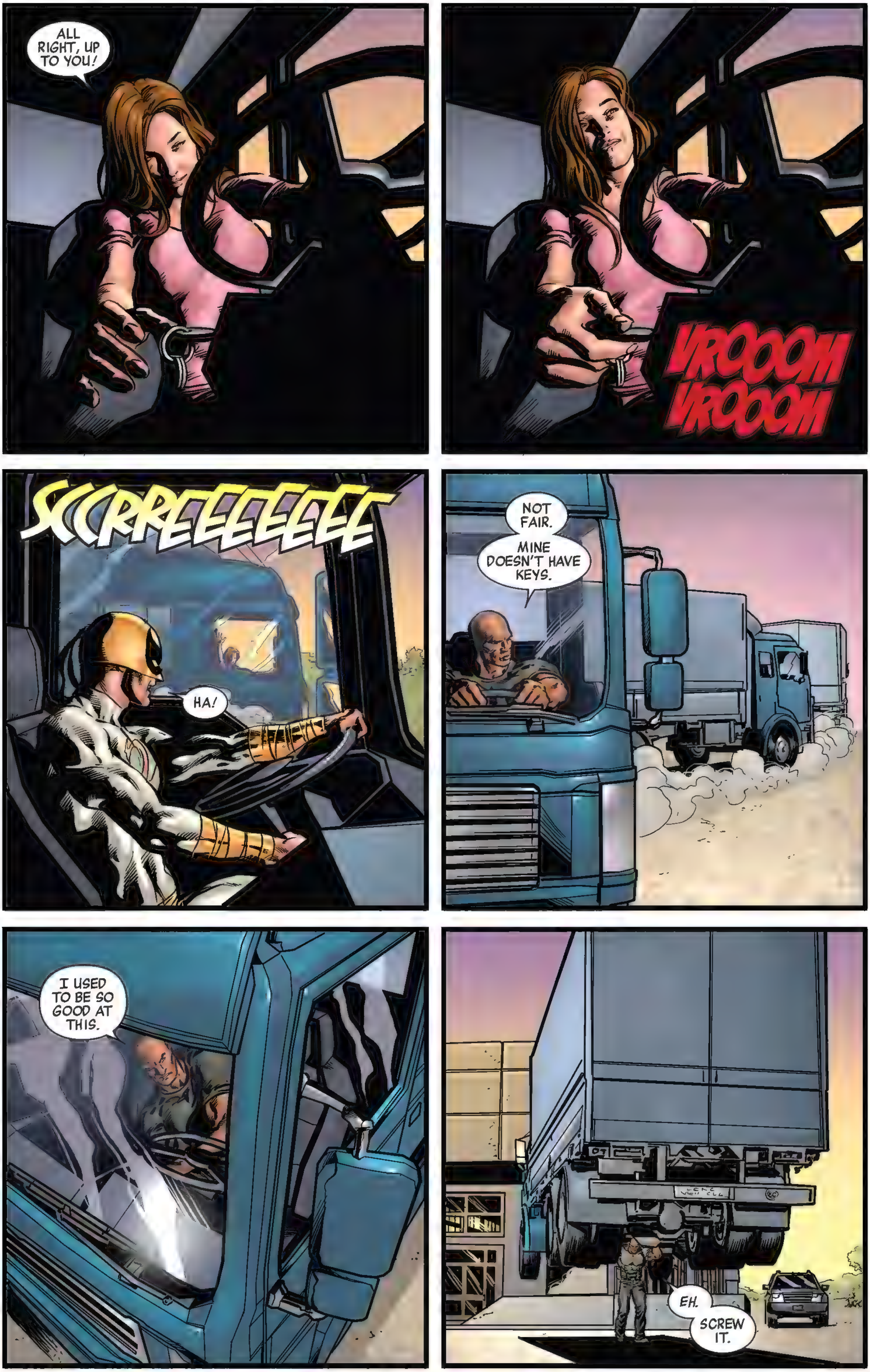

LET'S JUST POUNCE ON THEM!
LUKE CAGE: IMPATIENT MAN.
REALLY.
I'M WITH CAGE.
YOU USED TO BE A PRIVATE EYE, JESSICA; YOU'RE USED TO DOING A STAKEOUT.
I *LOVE* A STAKEOUT. THIS IS THE BEST PART.
THE BEST PART IS THE CLOBBERING.
HOLD ON... SSHHH...
WHAT'S GOING ON, LOGAN?
SSHH, MEANS SHHHH!!
THINGS N THINGS
STORE CLOSING
AVENGERS...I AM BROADCASTING LIVE FROM BARRINGTON, RHODE ISLAND.
IS THERE MOVEMENT?
OH, THERE'S MOVEMENT.
WE HAVE SOME TRULY SCARY-LOOKING HUMAN GROWTH HORMONE EXPERIMENTS MOVING ALL THEIR STUFF IN.
WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD.
WE GOT OURSELVES A PARTY.
MOCKINGBIRD IN POSITION...
DOCTOR, MOVE IN.
TOOM

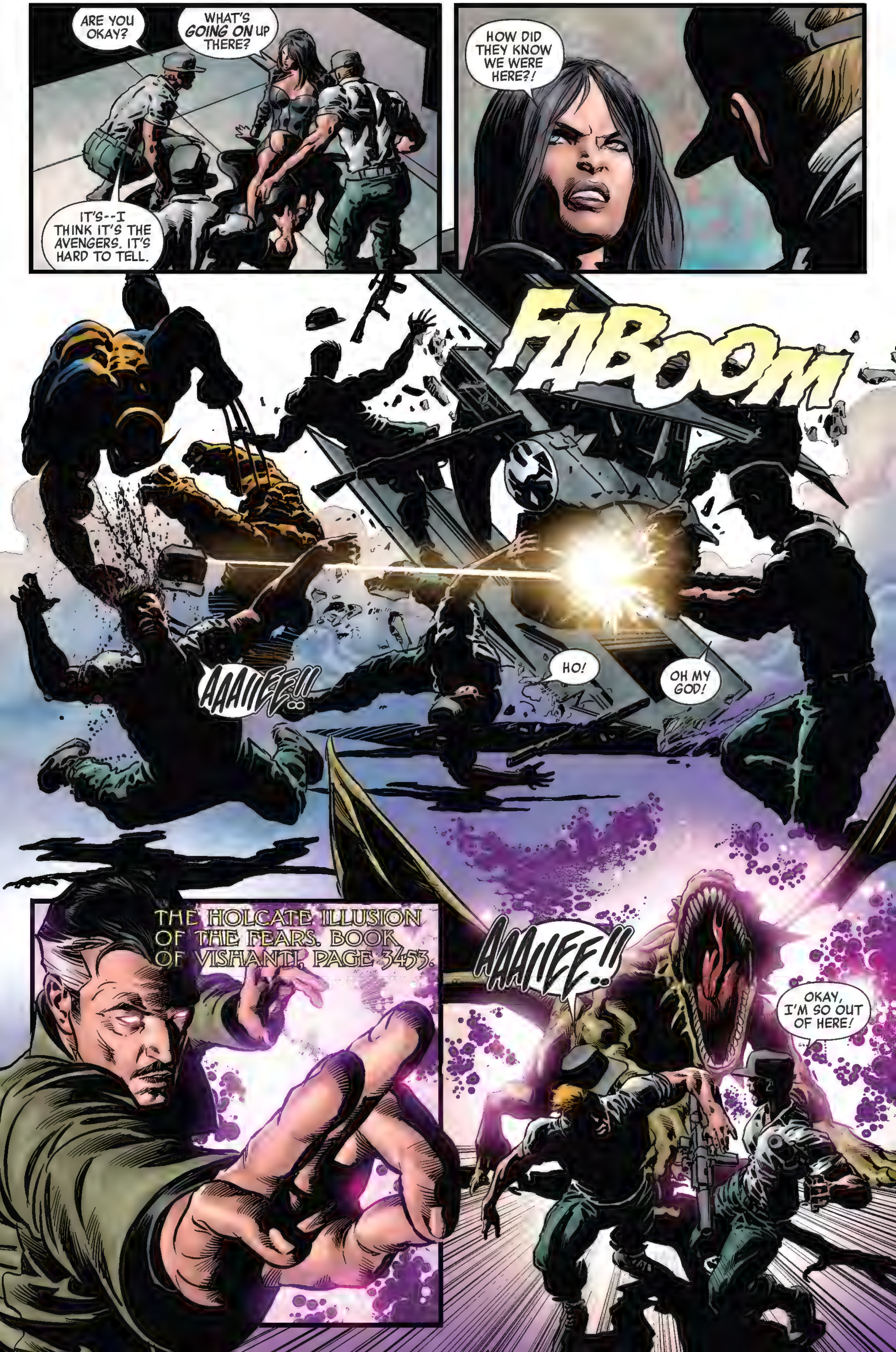

"WHO IS *THAT* FINE PIECE OF THICKNESS?"
"ACCORDING TO THE LOVELY AND TALENTED VICTORIA HAND, THAT...IS DR. DEIDRE WENTWORTH."
"WHAT IS SHE A DOCTOR OF? FINENESS?"
"REALLY, CAGE? I'M RIGHT HERE."
"SHE IS OUR MAIN TARGET.
"HER S.H.I.E.L.D. FILE REFERS TO HER AS *SUPERIA.*"
"IS THAT AN ADVERB OR AN ADJECTIVE?"
"PROPER NOUN."
"REALLY?"
"DON'T SELL HER SHORT."
"BY THE LOOKS OF HER, I DON'T THINK ANYONE HAS SOLD HER SHORT SINCE SECOND GRADE."
"YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN..."
"YOU MEAN SHE'S GOT REAL *'PAIN IN OUR TUCHIS'* POTENTIAL.
"EXACTLY."
IS THAT MY NEW OFFICE?
IF--IF YOU WANT IT TO BE, DOCTOR.
IS IT WIRED TO GO?
NOT YET.
ALL--ALL YOUR THINGS ARE STILL IN THE TRUCKS. WE WERE--
IT'S IMPORTANT THAT YOU DAZZLE ME, YOUNG LADY.
YES, MA'AM.
"LET'S SEE WHAT SHE'S UP TO.
"DOCTOR?"
CHENZY'S ACT OF SELF-ASTRAL MANIPULATION. FROM THE BOOK OF FIRE, PAGE 3549.
"WHAT DO YOU SEE?"

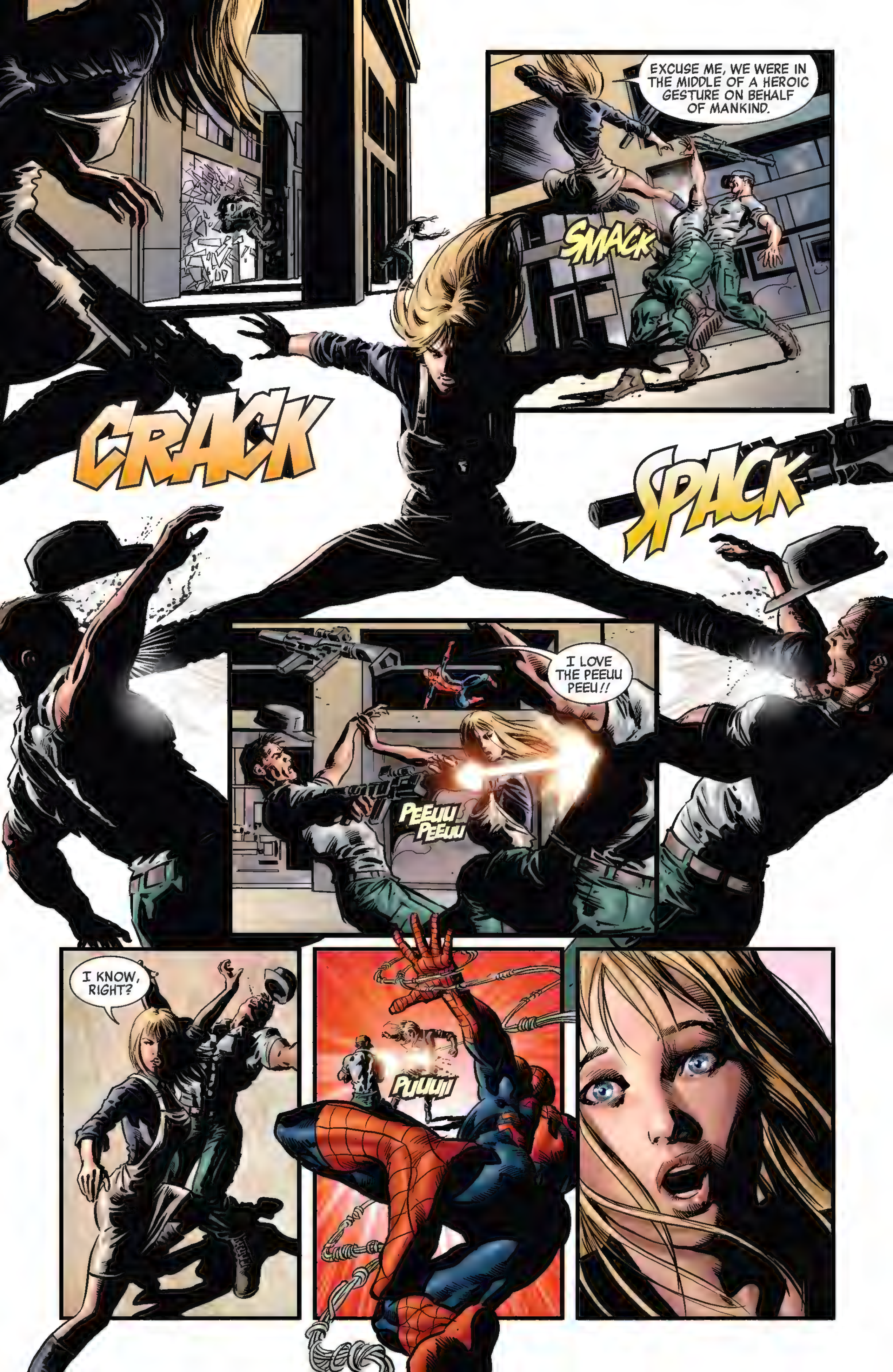

CHENZY'S ACT OF SELF-ASTRAL MANIPULATION. FROM THE BOOK OF FIRE, PAGE 3549.
I HAVE RETURNED FROM THE ASTRAL PLANE.
AND--?
AS WE EXPECTED, THIS WOMAN *HAS* GATHERED A MILITIA OF FORMER H.A.M.M.E.R. AGENTS AND IS SETTING UP A HIGH-TECH INSTALLATION.
IN *RHODE ISLAND?*
GREAT!
I'LL DISTRACT THEM AND YOU GUYS STEAL THEIR TRUCKS BEFORE THEY'RE UNLOADED.
LET'S TAKE IT DOWN BEFORE SHE GETS IT UP AN' RUNNING.
WAIT, HOLD ON...
THEY HAVEN'T, TECHNICALLY, DONE ANYTHING WRONG YET.
WHAT?
UH, YEAH, INNOCENT BEFORE PROVEN GUILTY.
OR, YOU KNOW, GUILTY WHEN THEY'RE ACTUALLY GUILTY.
WHAT?
THEY HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING YET.
YOU'VE *GOT* TO BE KIDDING ME.
BUT THEY'RE *GOING* TO. THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE.
BUT THEY HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING *YET*.
BUT THEY *ARE*. DO YA KNOW HOW I KNOW?
NO.
WATCH THIS.

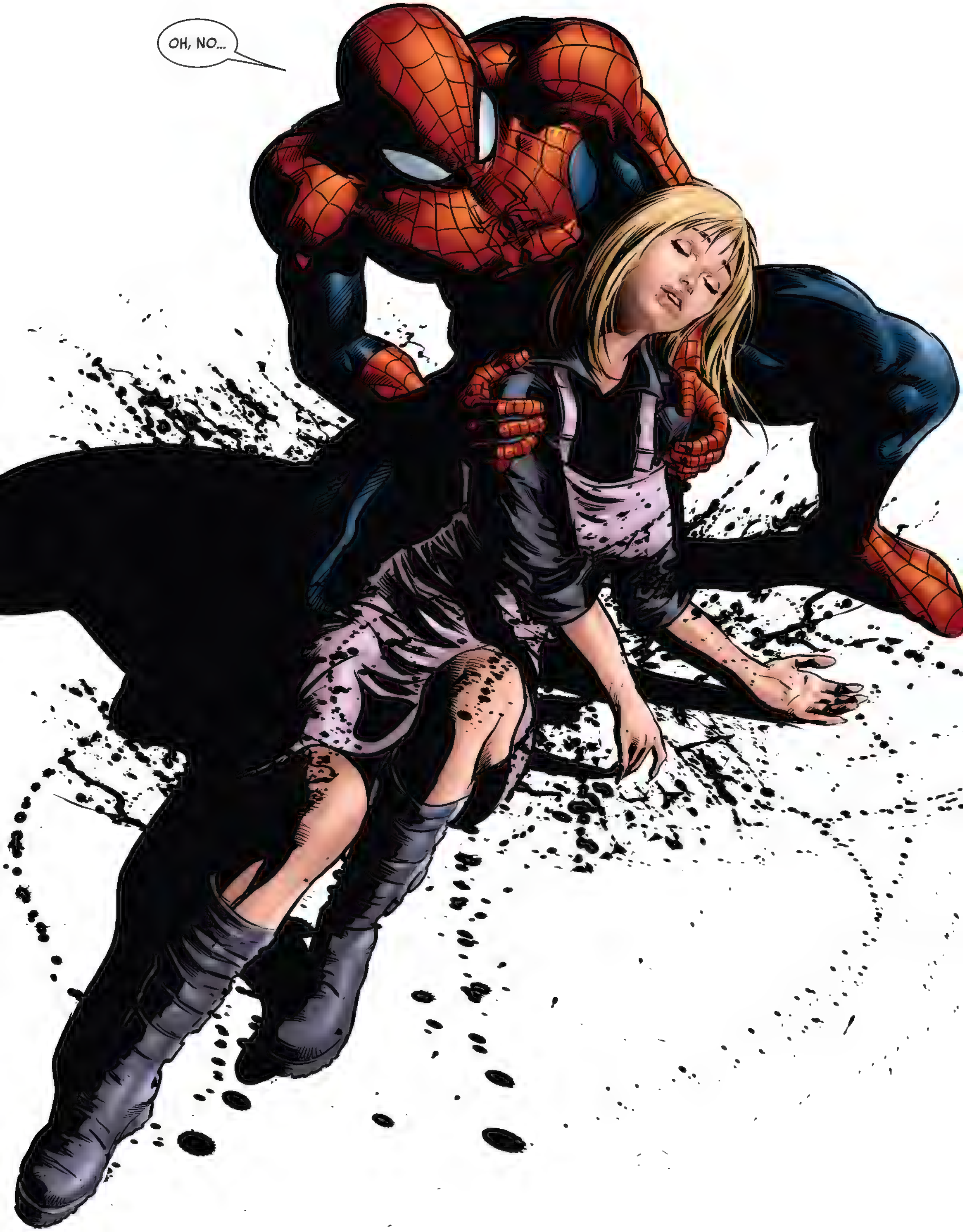

GUESS WHAT TIME IT IS?
OKAY, HE'LL DISTRACT THEM.
BABOOM
IT'S CLOBBERIN' TIME!
RRRRUUUAAAMMBBOOOMM!!
WHO'S FIRST?


THE #$@#$ WAS THAT?!
GO!
GO!
I DON'T HAVE MY LICENSE, LUKE.
NOW YOU TELL US??
HOW OLD ARE YOU?
SLAM
I NEVER NEEDED ONE, JESSICA.
SLAM
I LIVE IN NEW YORK OR IN THE MAGICAL CITY OF K'UN LUN.
SLAM
YOU'RE TRESPASSING ON *PRIVATE PROPERTY!*
JUST FIRE!


ALL RIGHT, UP TO YOU!
VROOOM VROOOM
SCCRREEEEEEEE
HA!
NOT FAIR.
MINE DOESN'T HAVE KEYS.
I USED TO BE SO GOOD AT THIS.
EH.
SCREW IT.


ARE YOU OKAY?
WHAT'S GOING ON UP THERE?
IT'S--I THINK IT'S THE AVENGERS. IT'S HARD TO TELL.
HOW DID THEY KNOW WE WERE HERE?!
FABOOM
AAAIIEE!!
HO!
OH MY GOD!
THE HOLCATE ILLUSION OF THE FEARS. BOOK OF VISHANTI, PAGE 3453.
AAAIIEE!!
OKAY, I'M SO OUT OF HERE!


EXCUSE ME, WE WERE IN THE MIDDLE OF A HEROIC GESTURE ON BEHALF OF MANKIND.
SMACK
CRACK
SPACK
I LOVE THE PEEUU PEEU!!
PEEUU PEEUU
I KNOW, RIGHT?
PUUUII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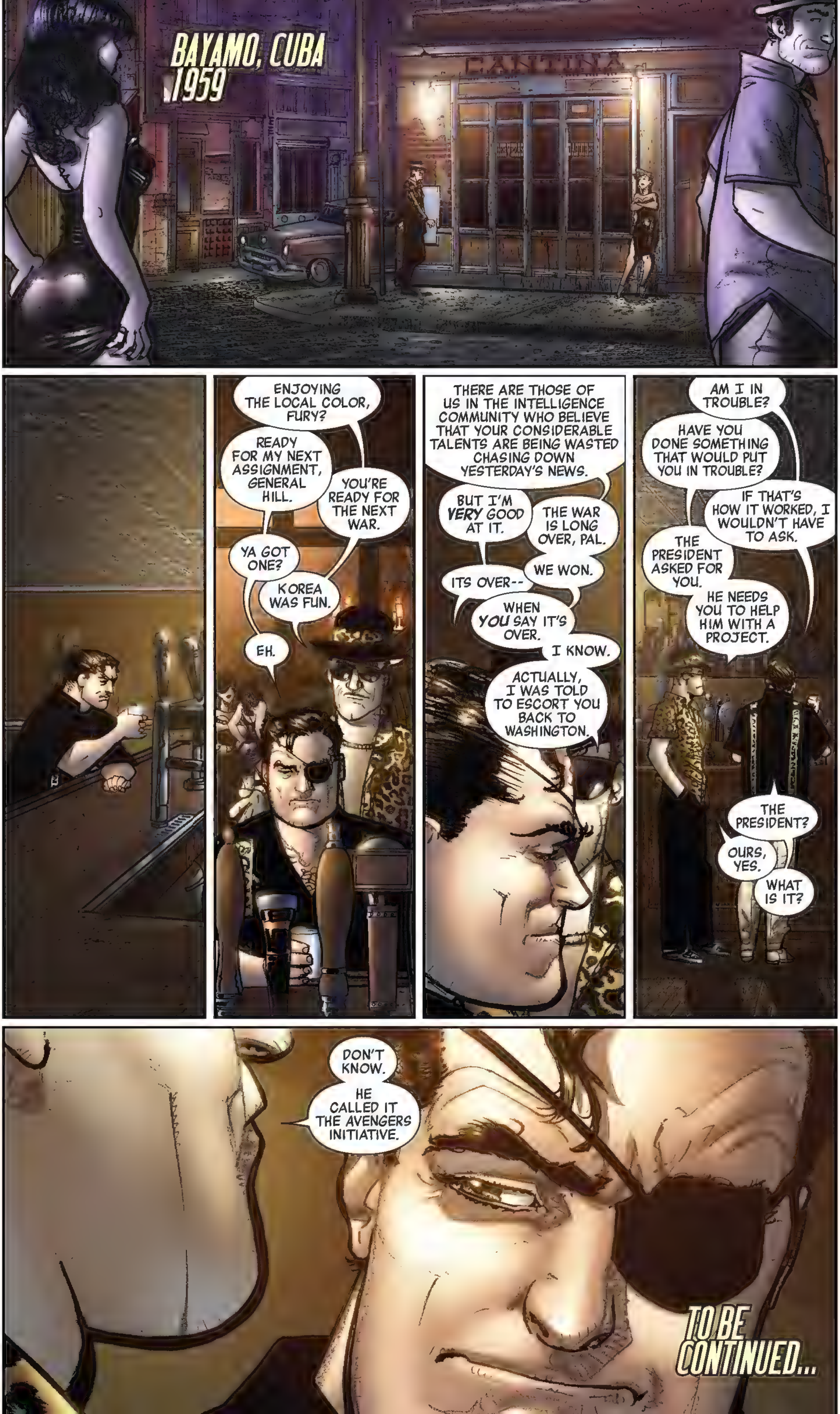
BAYAMO, CUBA 1959
CANTINA
ENJOYING THE LOCAL COLOR, FURY?
READY FOR MY NEXT ASSIGNMENT, GENERAL HILL.
YOU'RE READY FOR THE NEXT WAR.
YA GOT ONE?
KOREA WAS FUN.
EH.
THERE ARE THOSE OF US IN THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY WHO BELIEVE THAT YOUR CONSIDERABLE TALENTS ARE BEING WASTED CHASING DOWN YESTERDAY'S NEWS.
BUT I'M VERY GOOD AT IT.
THE WAR IS LONG OVER, PAL.
WE WON.
ITS OVER--
WHEN YOU SAY IT'S OVER.
I KNOW.
ACTUALLY, I WAS TOLD TO ESCORT YOU BACK TO WASHINGTON.
AM I IN TROUBLE?
HAVE YOU DONE SOMETHING THAT WOULD PUT YOU IN TROUBLE?
IF THAT'S HOW IT WORKED, I WOULDN'T HAVE TO ASK.
THE PRESIDENT ASKED FOR YOU.
HE NEEDS YOU TO HELP HIM WITH A PROJECT.
THE PRESIDENT?
OURS, YES.
WHAT IS IT?
DON'T KNOW.
HE CALLED IT THE AVENGERS INITIATIVE.
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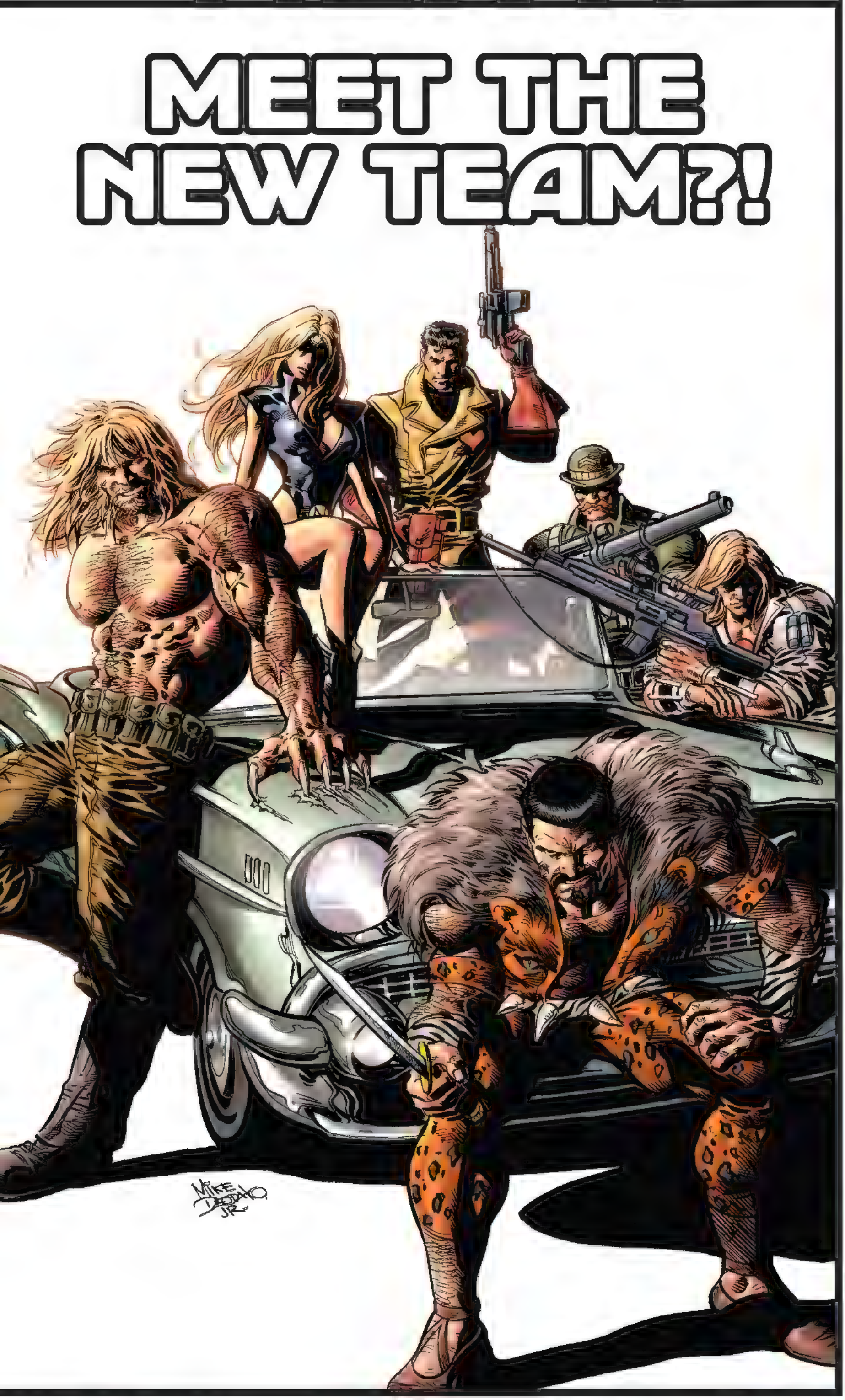
MEET THE NEW TEAM?!
MIKE DEODATO JR.

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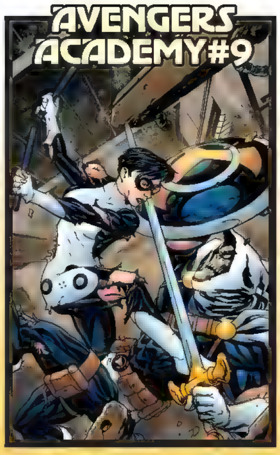

COME TO POPPA!

WIDOWMAKER #4

TIME TO DIE!

AVENGERS PRIME #5

AND HEL'S COMING WITH THEM!

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EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES, UNITED AGAINST A COMMON THREAT! ON THAT DAY THE AVENGERS WERE BORN, TO FIGHT FOES THAT NO SINGLE HERO COULD WITHSTAND!

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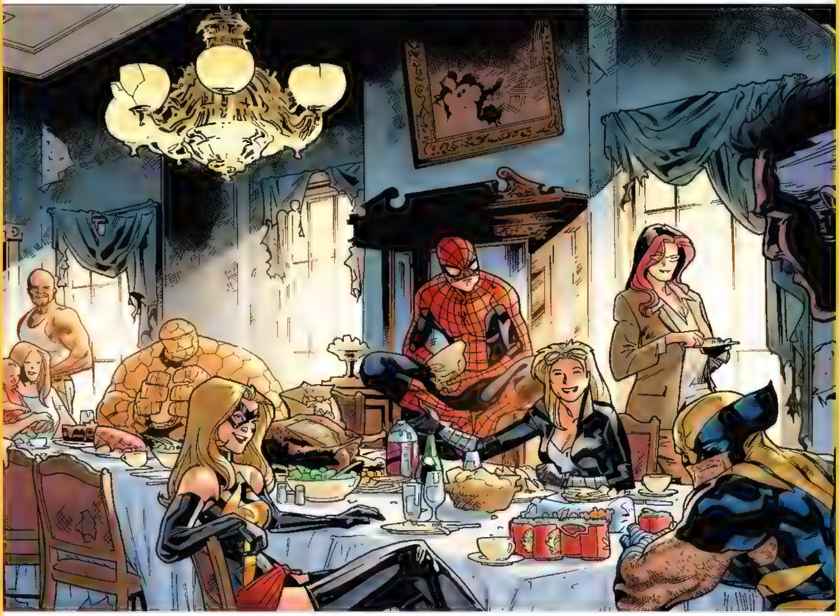

AVENGERS COMMANDER STEVE ROGERS HAS GIVEN LUKE CAGE, JESSICA JONES, MS. MARVEL, MOCKINGBIRD, SPIDER-MAN, DR. STRANGE, WOLVERINE, IRON FIST, AND THE THING THE KEYS TO AVENGERS MANSION, A LIAISON IN THE CONTROVERSIAL FORM OF VICTORIA HAND, AND FREE REIN TO PROTECT THE WORLD ANY WAY THEY SEE FIT.

IN THE LATE NINETEEN-FIFTIES: NICK FURY IS SPENDING HIS TIME HUNTING DOWN NAZI WAR CRIMINALS WHEN THE PRESIDENT ASKS HIM TO PUT TOGETHER AN AVENGERS INITIATIVE FOR A SPECIAL SECRET MISSION.

IN THE PRESENT: NORMAL OSBORN'S DEFUNCT ORGANIZATION H.A.M.M.E.R. IS SETTING UP SHOP BUT THE NEW AVENGERS STOP THEM AND THEIR NEW LEADER SUPERIA BEFORE THEY EVEN GET STARTED. THE BATTLE IS UNDERWAY AND ALREADY HAS A VICTIM...MOCKINGBIRD IS DOWN.

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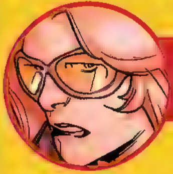
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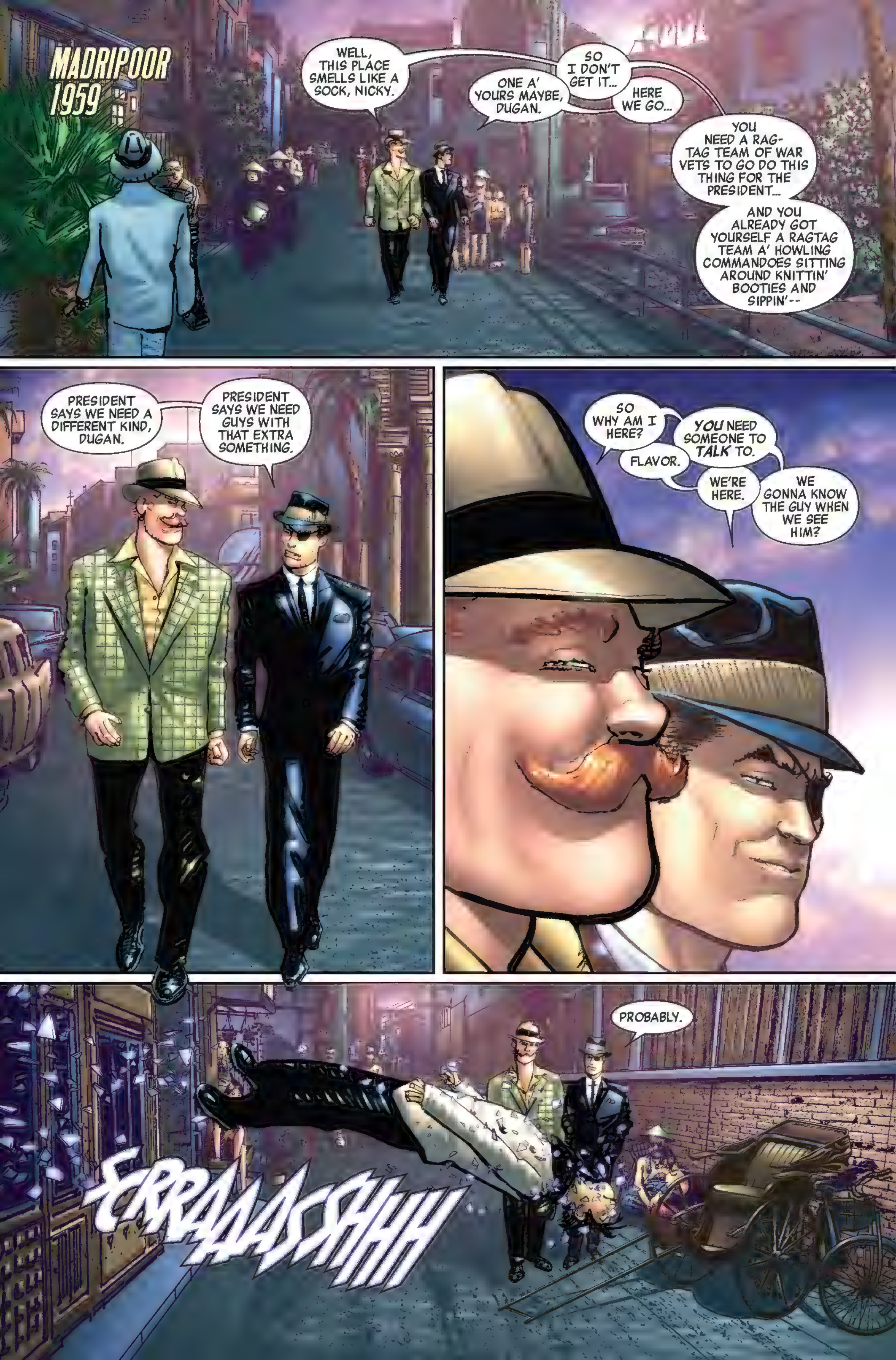
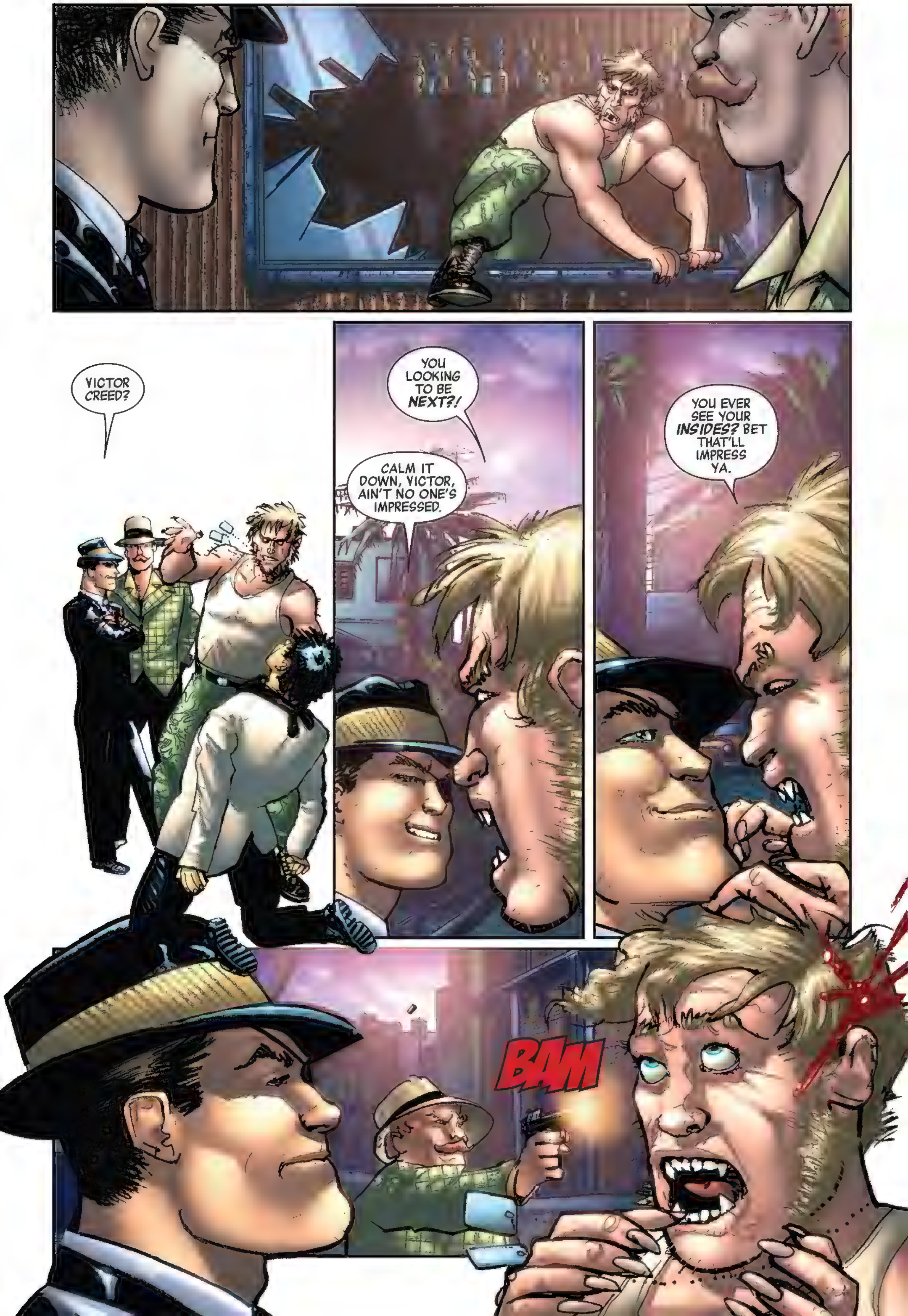
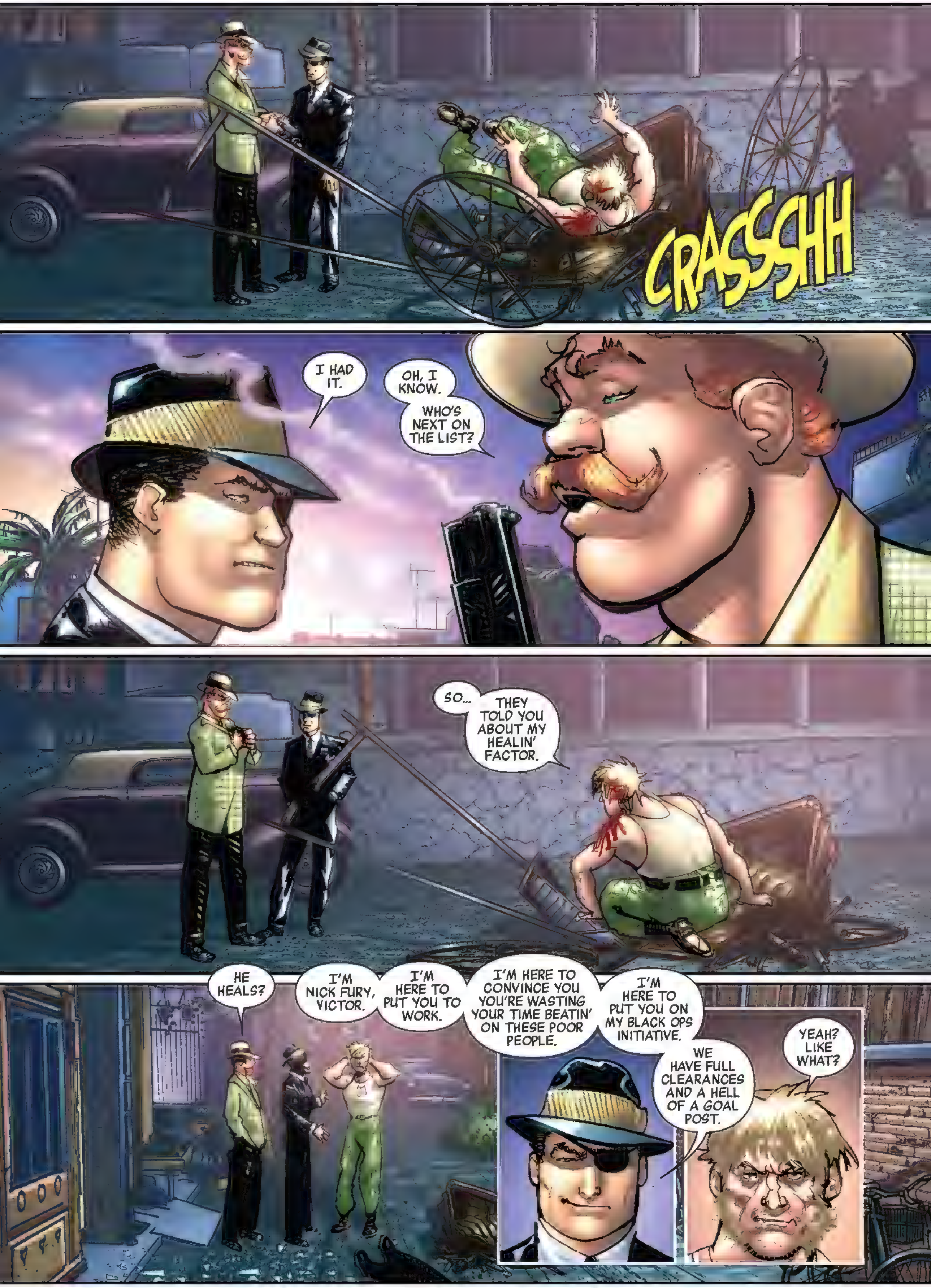
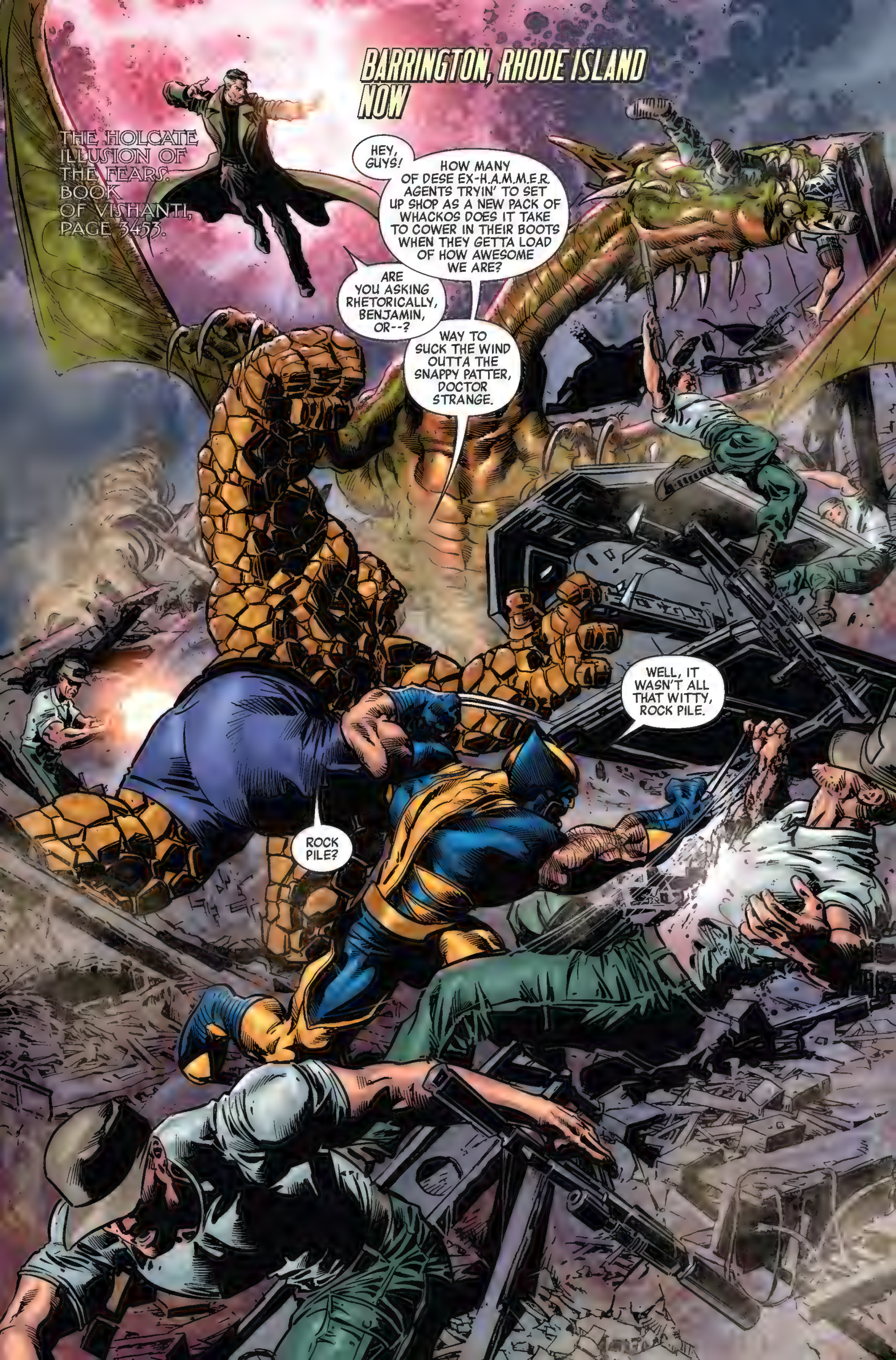

MADRIPOOR 1959
WELL, THIS PLACE SMELLS LIKE A SOCK, NICKY.
ONE A' YOURS MAYBE, DUGAN.
SO I DON'T GET IT...
HERE WE GO...
YOU NEED A RAGTAG TEAM OF WAR VETS TO GO DO THIS THING FOR THE PRESIDENT...
AND YOU ALREADY GOT YOURSELF A RAGTAG TEAM A' HOWLING COMMANDOES SITTING AROUND KNITTIN' BOOTIES AND SIPPIN'--
PRESIDENT SAYS WE NEED A DIFFERENT KIND, DUGAN.
PRESIDENT SAYS WE NEED GUYS WITH THAT EXTRA SOMETHING.
SO WHY AM I HERE?
FLAVOR.
YOU NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO.
WE'RE HERE.
WE GONNA KNOW THE GUY WHEN WE SEE HIM?
PROBABLY.
SCRRAAASSHHH


VICTOR CREED?
YOU LOOKING TO BE *NEXT?!*
CALM IT DOWN, VICTOR, AIN'T NO ONE'S IMPRESSED.
YOU EVER SEE YOUR *INSIDES?* BET THAT'LL IMPRESS YA.
BAM


CRASSSHH
I HAD IT.
OH, I KNOW.
WHO'S NEXT ON THE LIST?
SO...
THEY TOLD YOU ABOUT MY HEALIN' FACTOR.
HE HEALS?
I'M NICK FURY, VICTOR.
I'M HERE TO PUT YOU TO WORK.
I'M HERE TO CONVINCE YOU YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME BEATIN' ON THESE POOR PEOPLE.
I'M HERE TO PUT YOU ON MY BLACK OPS INITIATIVE.
WE HAVE FULL CLEARANCES AND A HELL OF A GOAL POST.
YEAH? LIKE WHAT?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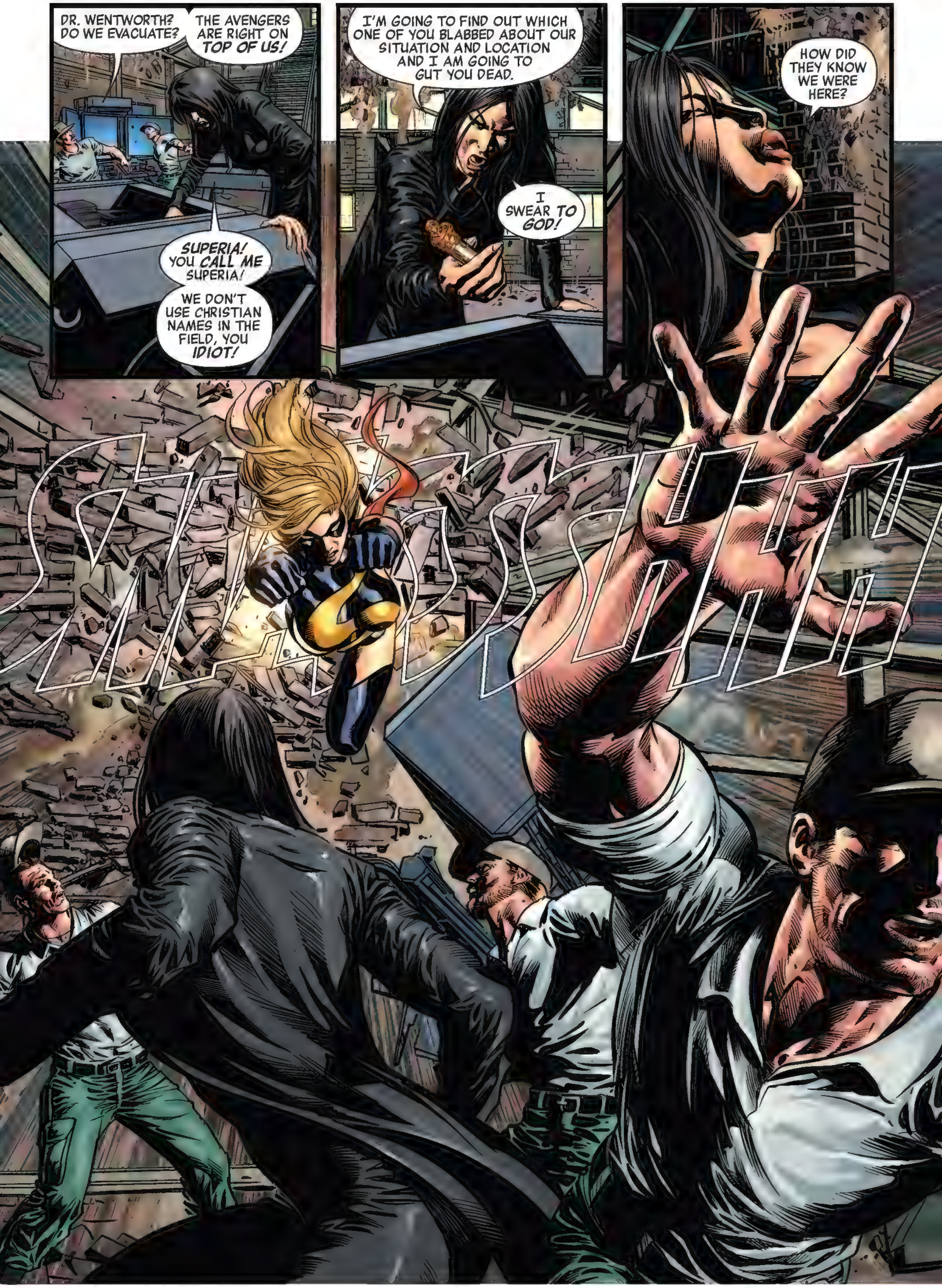
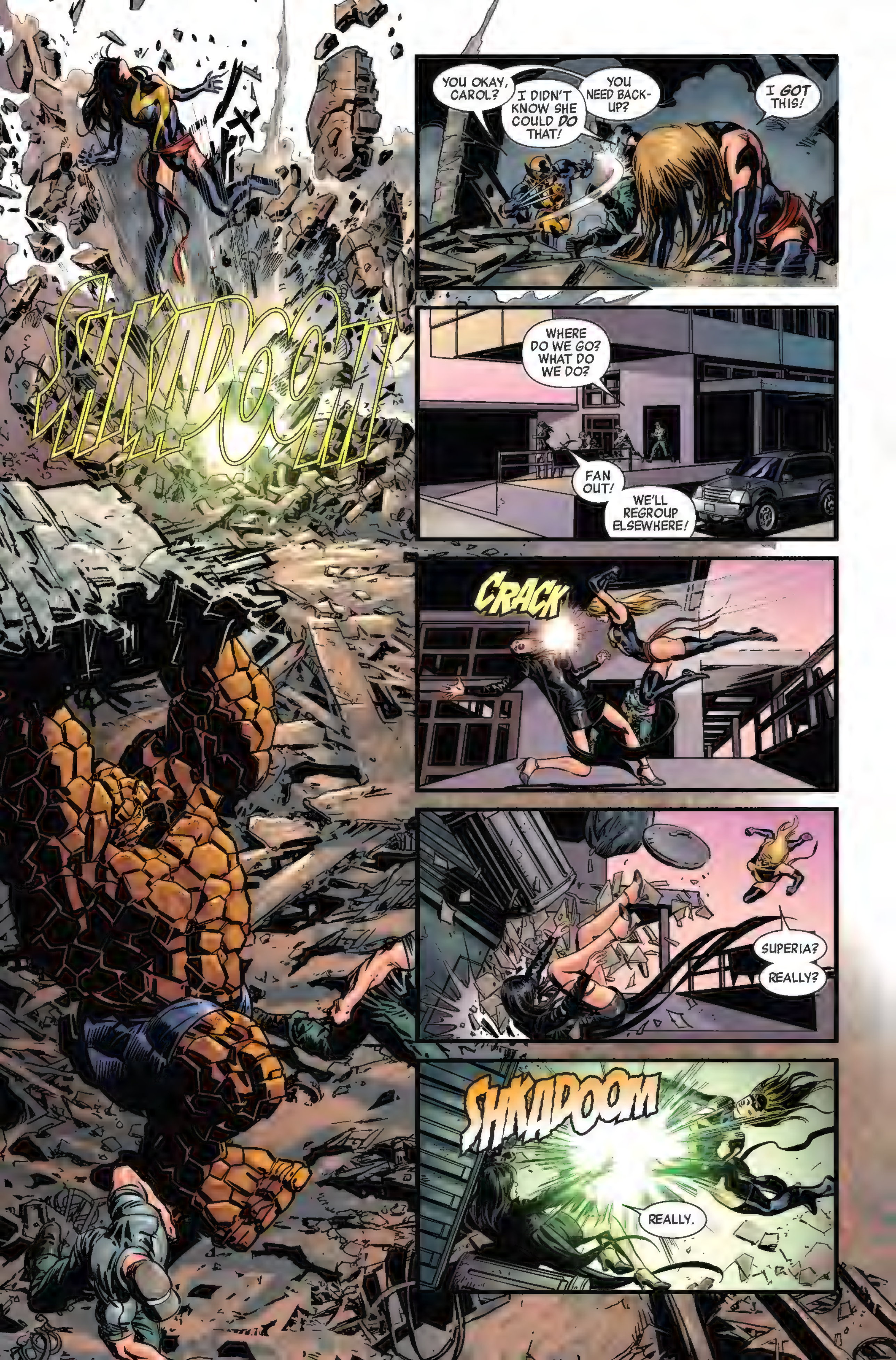
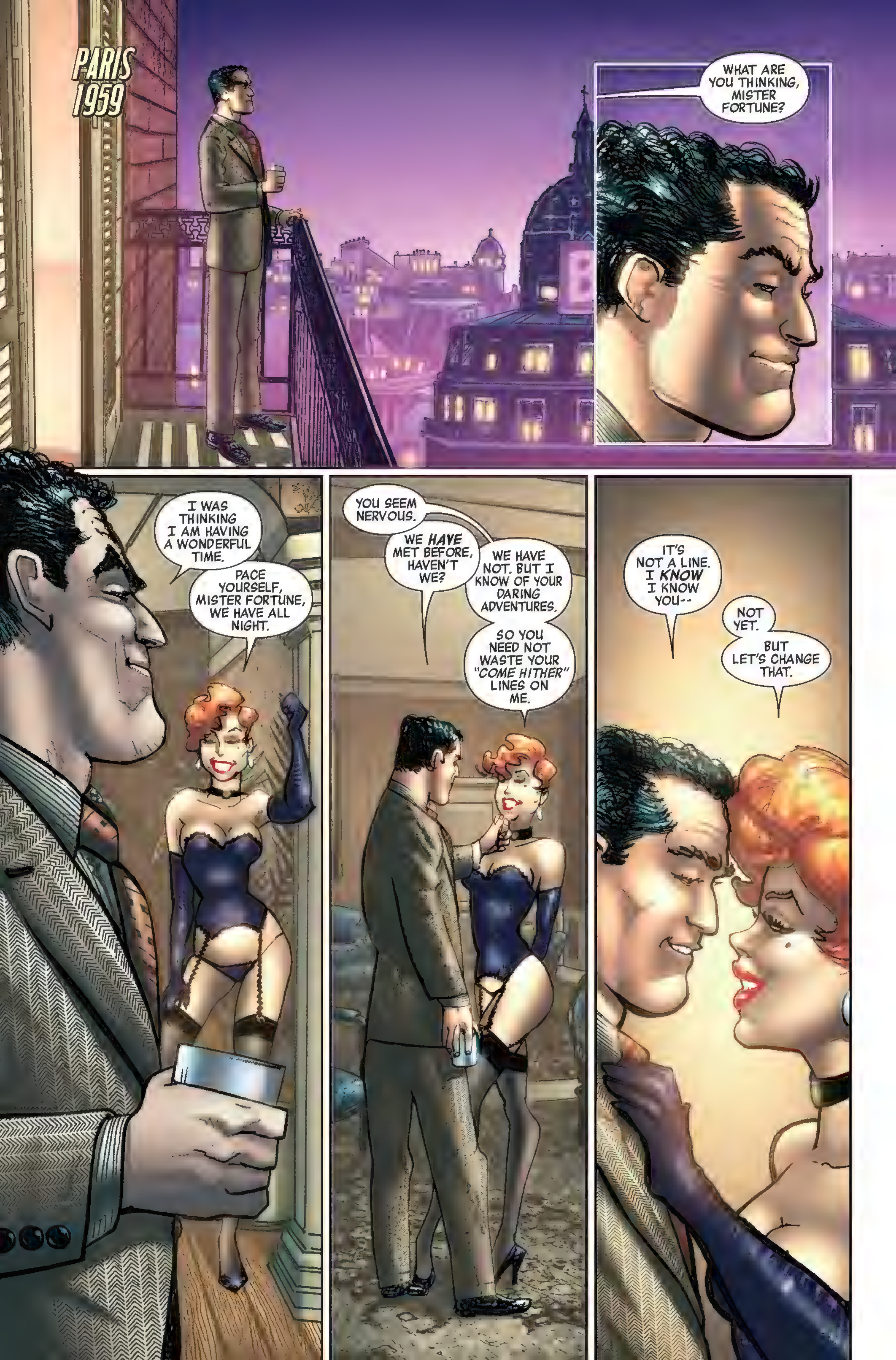
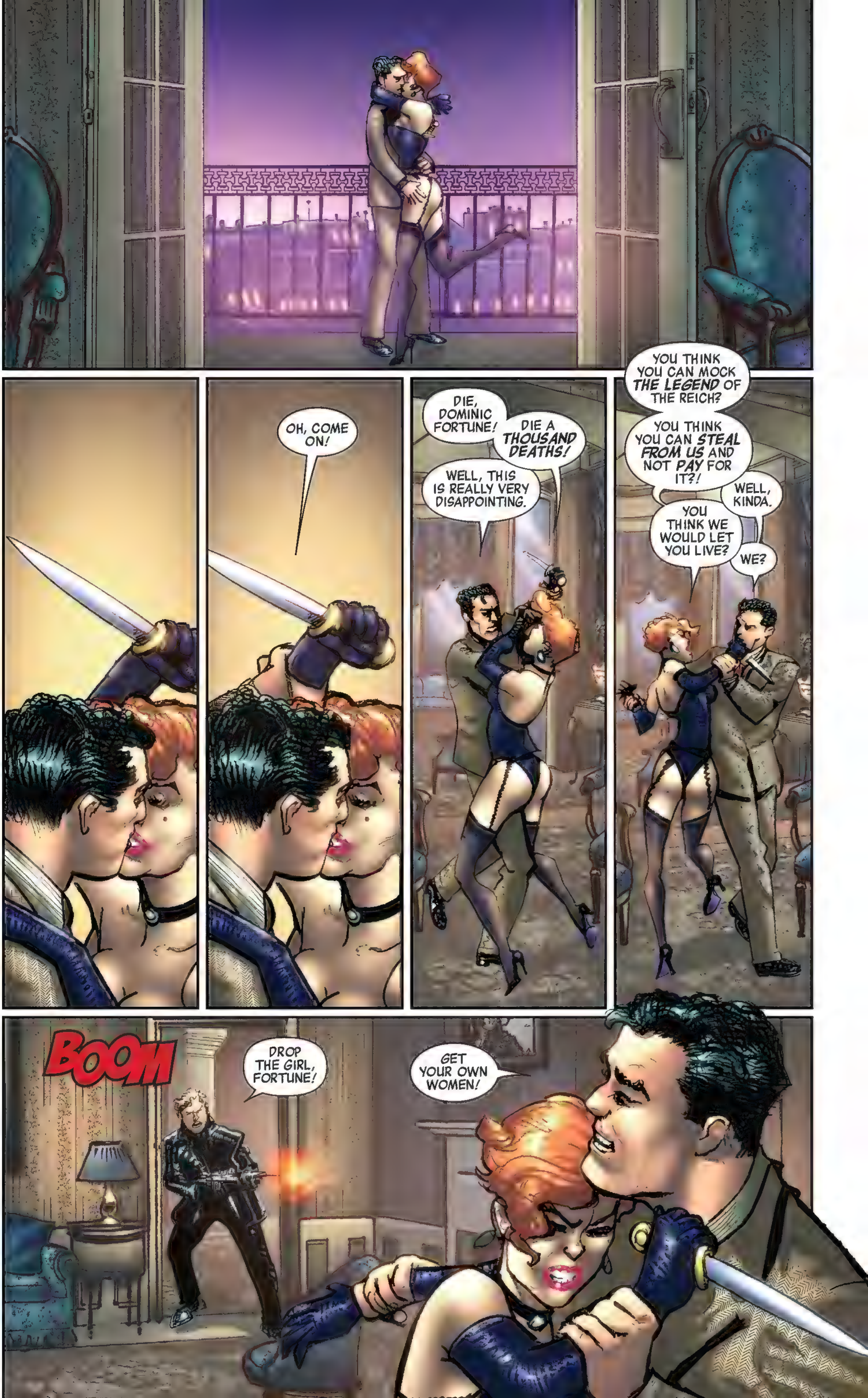
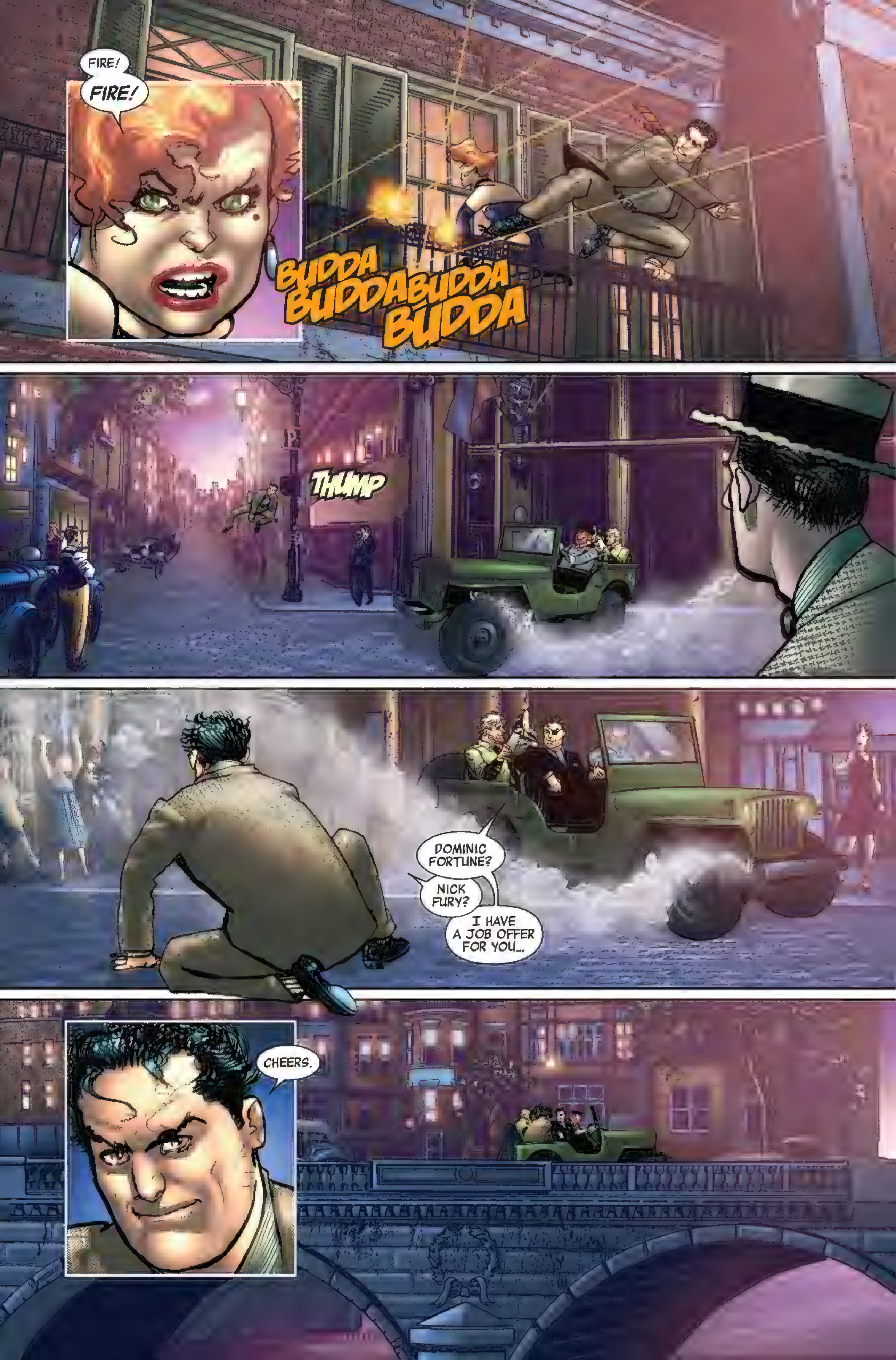
HEY, GUYS!
HOW MANY OF DESE EX-H.A.M.M.E.R. AGENTS TRYIN' TO SET UP SHOP AS A NEW PACK OF WHACKOS DOES IT TAKE TO COWER IN THEIR BOOTS WHEN THEY GETTA LOAD OF HOW AWESOME WE ARE?
ARE YOU ASKING RHETORICALLY, BENJAMIN, OR--?
WAY TO SUCK THE WIND OUTTA THE SNAPPY PATTER, DOCTOR STRANGE.
WELL, IT WASN'T ALL THAT WITTY, ROCK PILE.
ROCK PILE?

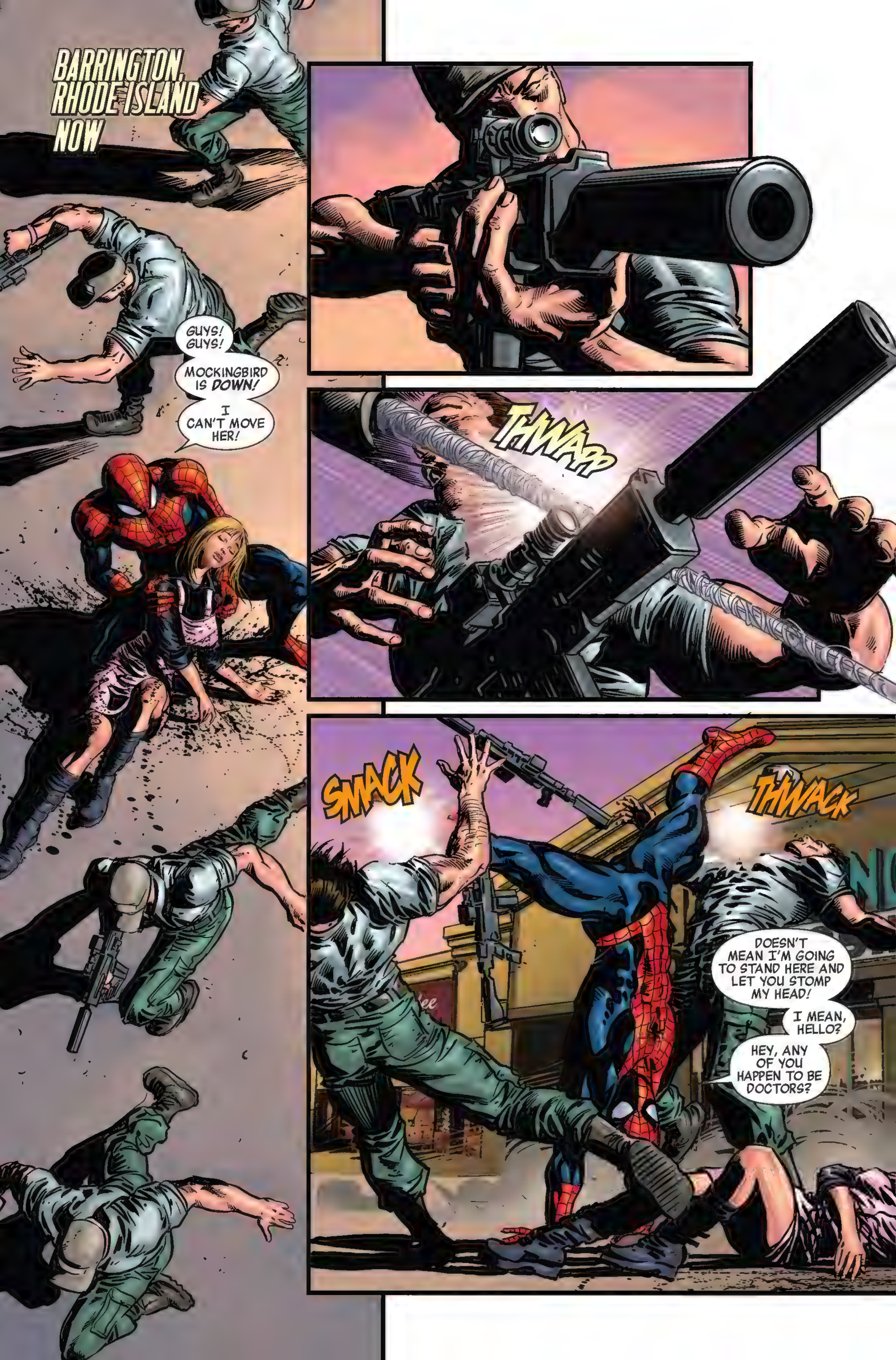

DR. WENTWORTH? DO WE EVACUATE?
THE AVENGERS ARE RIGHT ON *TOP OF US!*
SUPERIA! YOU *CALL ME* SUPERIA!
WE DON'T USE CHRISTIAN NAMES IN THE FIELD, YOU *IDIOT!*
I'M GOING TO FIND OUT WHICH ONE OF YOU BLABBED ABOUT OUR SITUATION AND LOCATION AND I AM GOING TO GUT YOU DEAD.
I SWEAR *TO GOD!*
HOW DID THEY KNOW WE WERE HERE?
SKRASSHHH

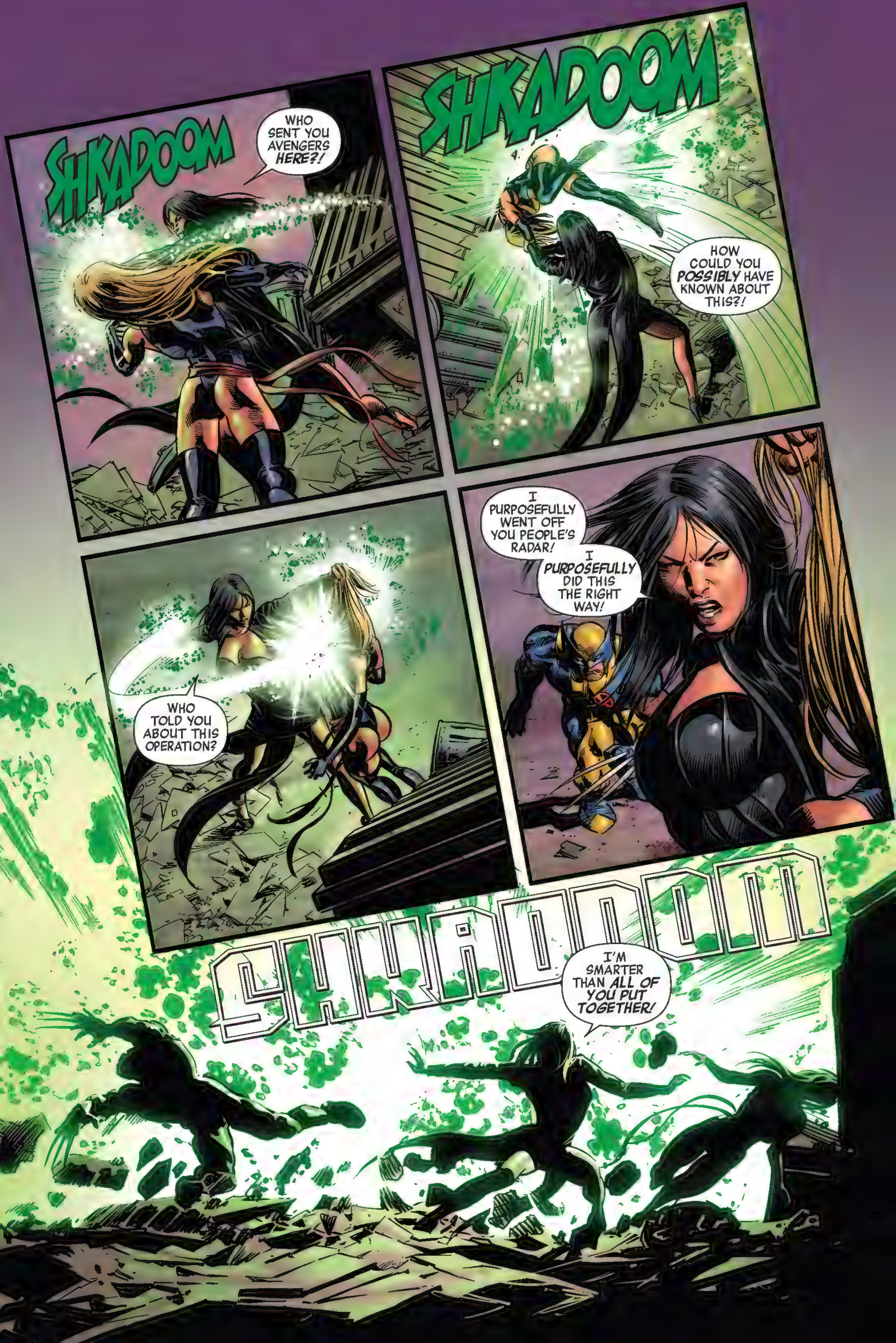

SHKDOOM
YOU OKAY, CAROL?
I DIDN'T KNOW SHE COULD *DO* THAT!
YOU NEED BACK-UP?
I *GOT* THIS!
WHERE DO WE GO? WHAT DO WE DO?
FAN OUT!
WE'LL REGROUP ELSEWHERE!
CRACK
SUPERIA?
REALLY?
SHKADOOM
REALLY.

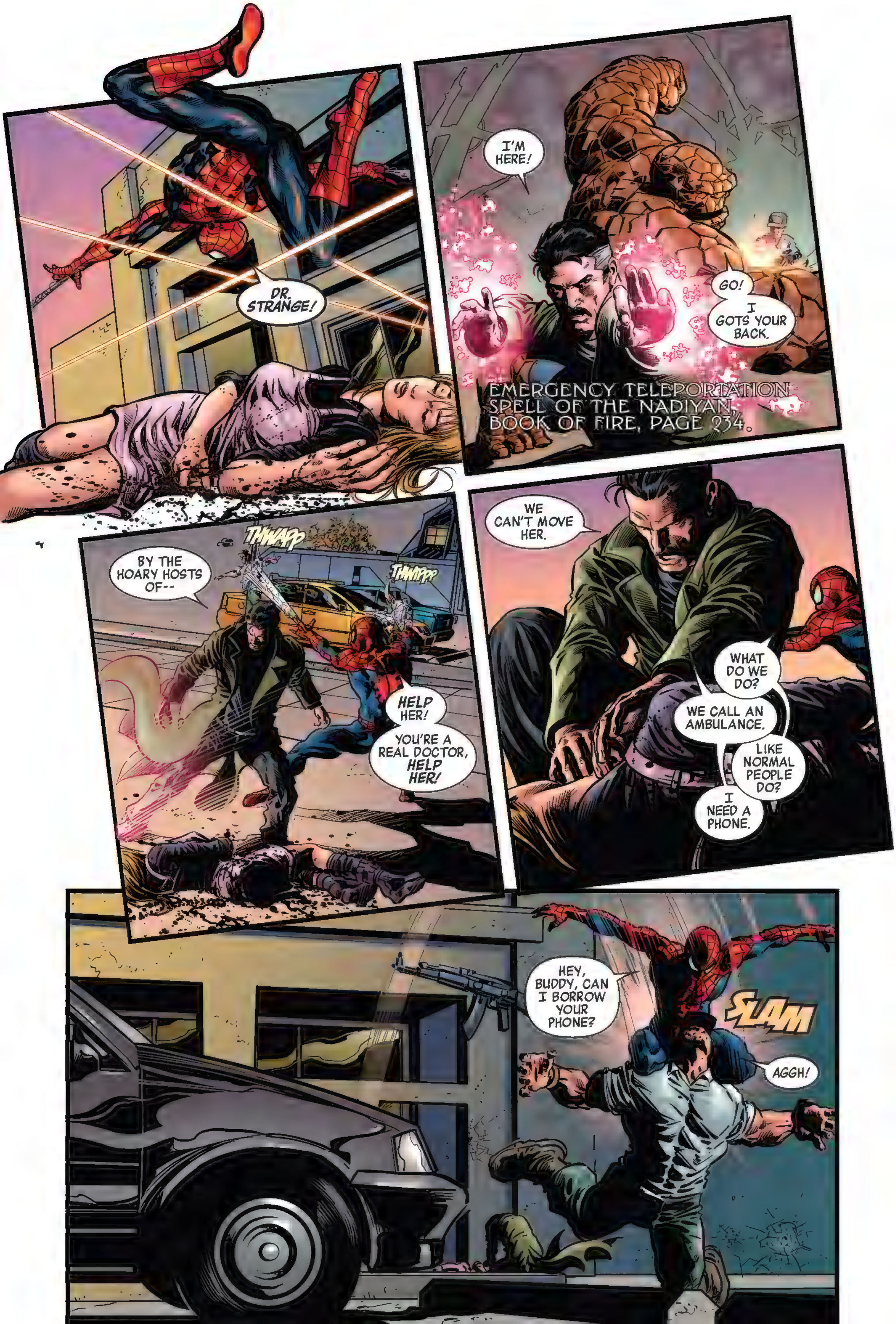

PARIS 1959
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING, MISTER FORTUNE?
I WAS THINKING I AM HAVING A WONDERFUL TIME.
PACE YOURSELF, MISTER FORTUNE, WE HAVE ALL NIGHT.
YOU SEEM NERVOUS.
WE *HAVE* MET BEFORE, HAVEN'T WE?
WE HAVE NOT. BUT I KNOW OF YOUR DARING ADVENTURES.
SO YOU NEED NOT WASTE YOUR *"COME HITHER"* LINES ON ME.
IT'S NOT A LINE. I *KNOW* I KNOW YOU--
NOT YET.
BUT LET'S CHANGE THAT.

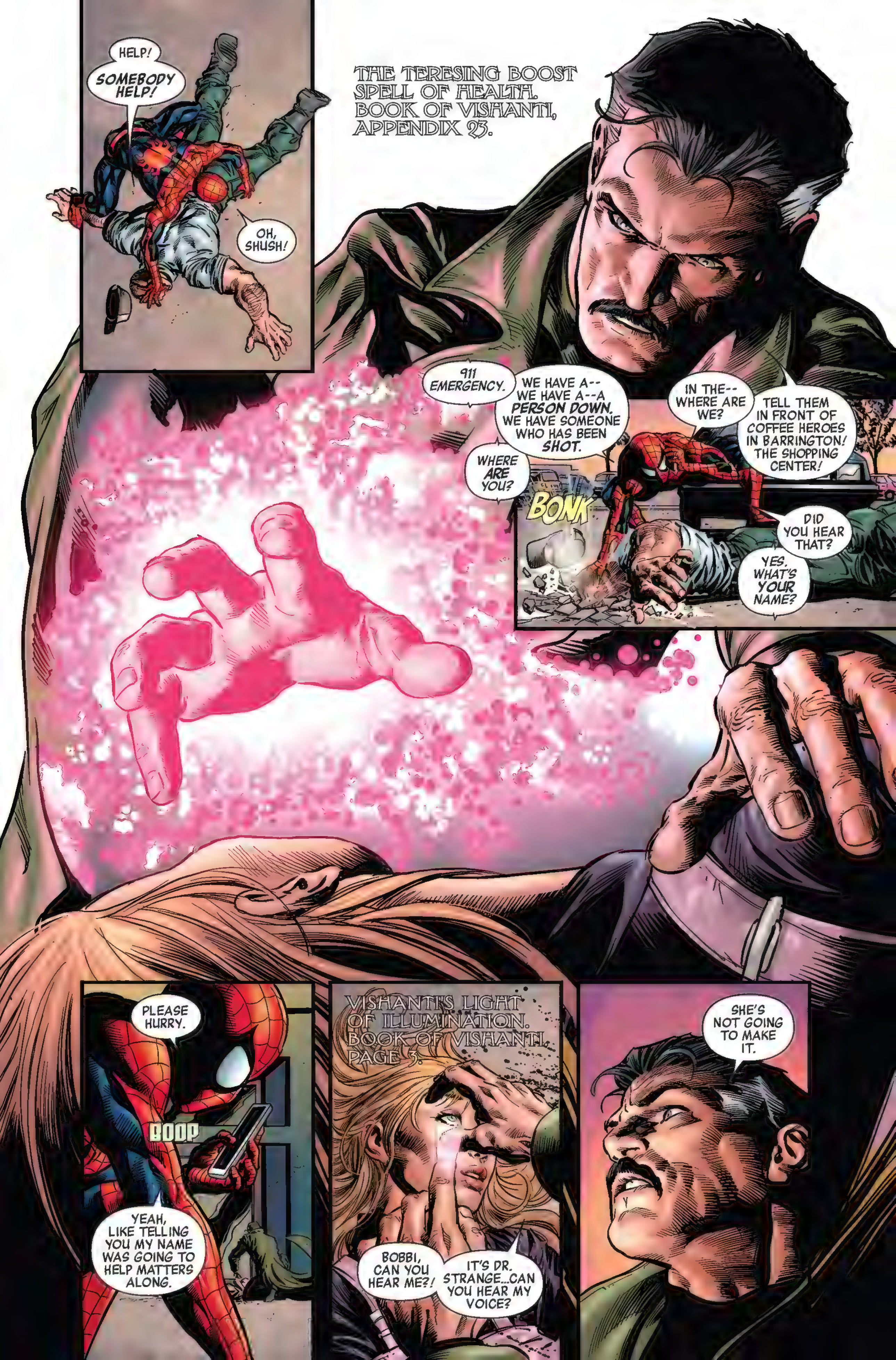

OH, COME ON!
DIE, DOMINIC FORTUNE!
DIE A *THOUSAND DEATHS!*
WELL, THIS IS REALLY VERY DISAPPOINTING.
YOU THINK YOU CAN MOCK *THE LEGEND* OF THE REICH?
YOU THINK YOU CAN *STEAL FROM US* AND NOT *PAY* FOR IT?!
WELL, KINDA.
YOU THINK WE WOULD LET YOU LIVE?
WE?
BOOM
DROP THE GIRL, FORTUNE!
GET YOUR OWN WOMEN!

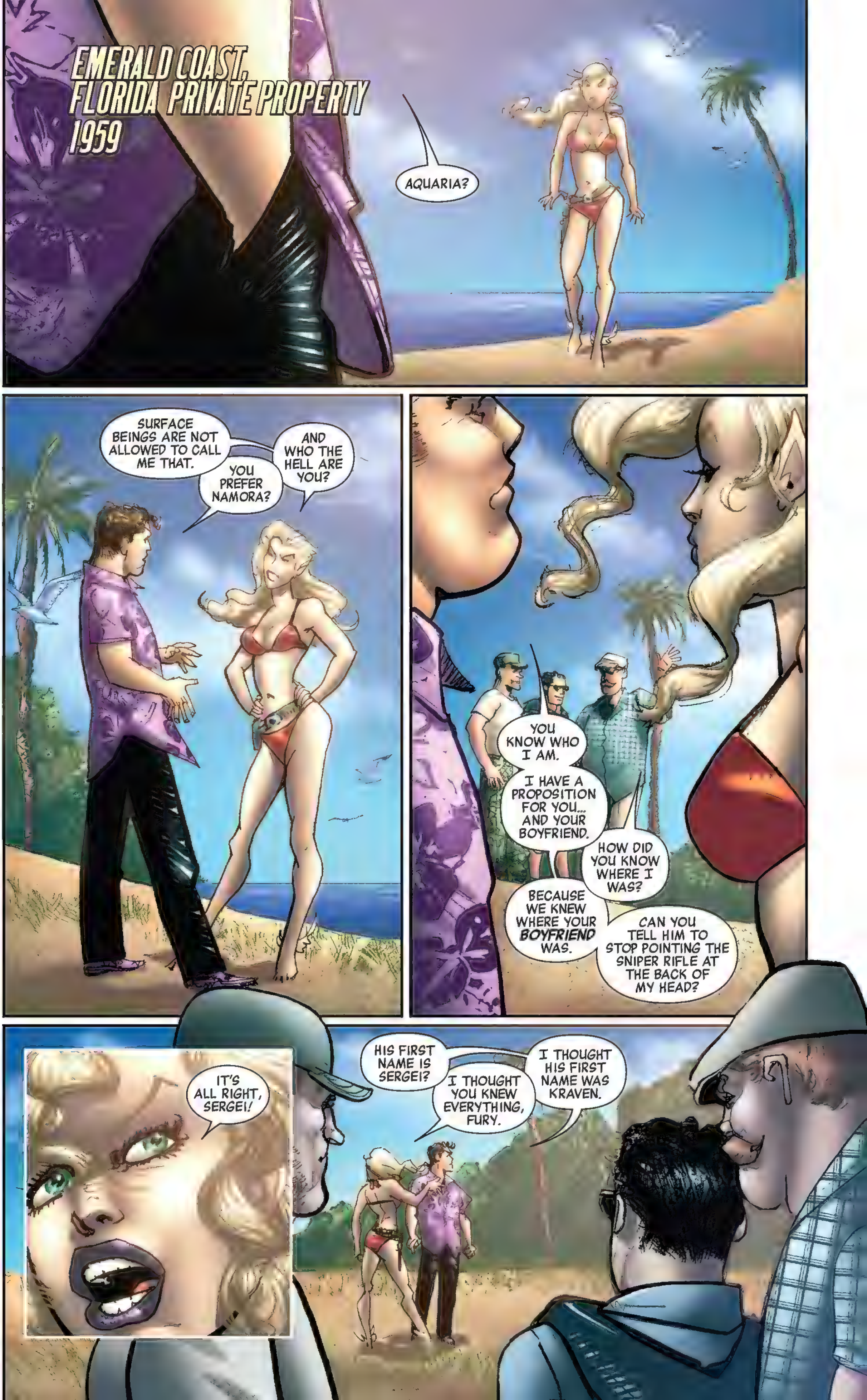

FIRE!
FIRE!
BUDDA BUDDABUDDA BUDDA
THUMP
DOMINIC FORTUNE?
NICK FURY?
I HAVE A JOB OFFER FOR YOU...
CHEERS.


BARRINGTON, RHODE ISLAND NOW
GUYS! GUYS!
MOCKINGBIRD IS *DOWN!*
I CAN'T MOVE HER!
THWAPP
SMACK
THWACK
DOESN'T MEAN I'M GOING TO STAND HERE AND LET YOU STOMP MY HEAD!
I MEAN, HELLO?
HEY, ANY OF YOU HAPPEN TO BE DOCTORS?


SHKADOOM
WHO SENT YOU AVENGERS *HERE?!*
SHKADOOM
HOW COULD YOU *POSSIBLY* HAVE KNOWN ABOUT THIS?!
WHO TOLD YOU ABOUT THIS OPERATION?
I PURPOSEFULLY WENT OFF YOU PEOPLE'S RADAR!
I *PURPOSEFULLY* DID THIS THE RIGHT WAY!
SHKADOOM
I'M SMARTER THAN *ALL OF YOU PUT TOGETHER!*


DR. STRANGE!
I'M HERE!
GO! I GOTS YOUR BACK.
EMERGENCY TELEPORTATION SPELL OF THE NADIYAN, BOOK OF FIRE, PAGE 234.
BY THE HOARY HOSTS OF--
THWAPP
THWIPP
HELP HER!
YOU'RE A REAL DOCTOR, HELP HER!
WE CAN'T MOVE HER.
WHAT DO WE DO?
WE CALL AN AMBULANCE.
LIKE NORMAL PEOPLE DO?
I NEED A PHONE.
HEY, BUDDY, CAN I BORROW YOUR PHONE?
SLAM
AGGH!


HELP!
SOMEBODY HELP!
OH, SHUSH!
THE TERESING BOOST SPELL OF HEALTH. BOOK OF VISHANTI, APPENDIX 23.
911 EMERGENCY.
WE HAVE A-- WE HAVE A--A PERSON DOWN. WE HAVE SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN SHOT.
WHERE ARE YOU?
IN THE-- WHERE ARE WE?
TELL THEM IN FRONT OF COFFEE HEROES IN BARRINGTON! THE SHOPPING CENTER!
BONK
DID YOU HEAR THAT?
YES. WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
PLEASE HURRY.
BOOP
YEAH, LIKE TELLING YOU MY NAME WAS GOING TO HELP MATTERS ALONG.
VISHANTI'S LIGHT OF ILLUMINATION. BOOK OF VISHANTI, PAGE 3.
BOBBI, CAN YOU HEAR ME?!
IT'S DR. STRANGE...CAN YOU HEAR MY VOICE?
SHE'S NOT GOING TO MAKE IT.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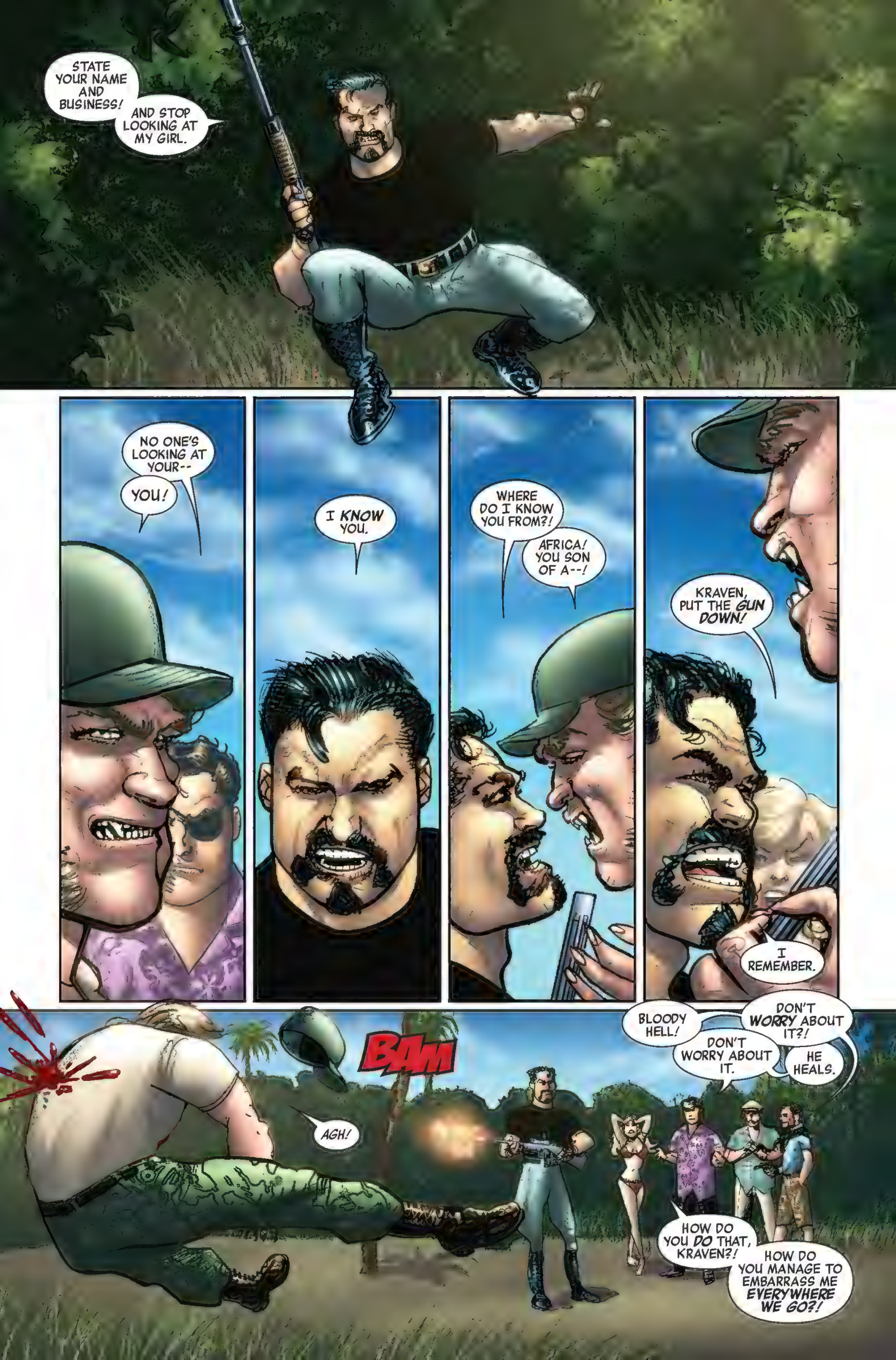
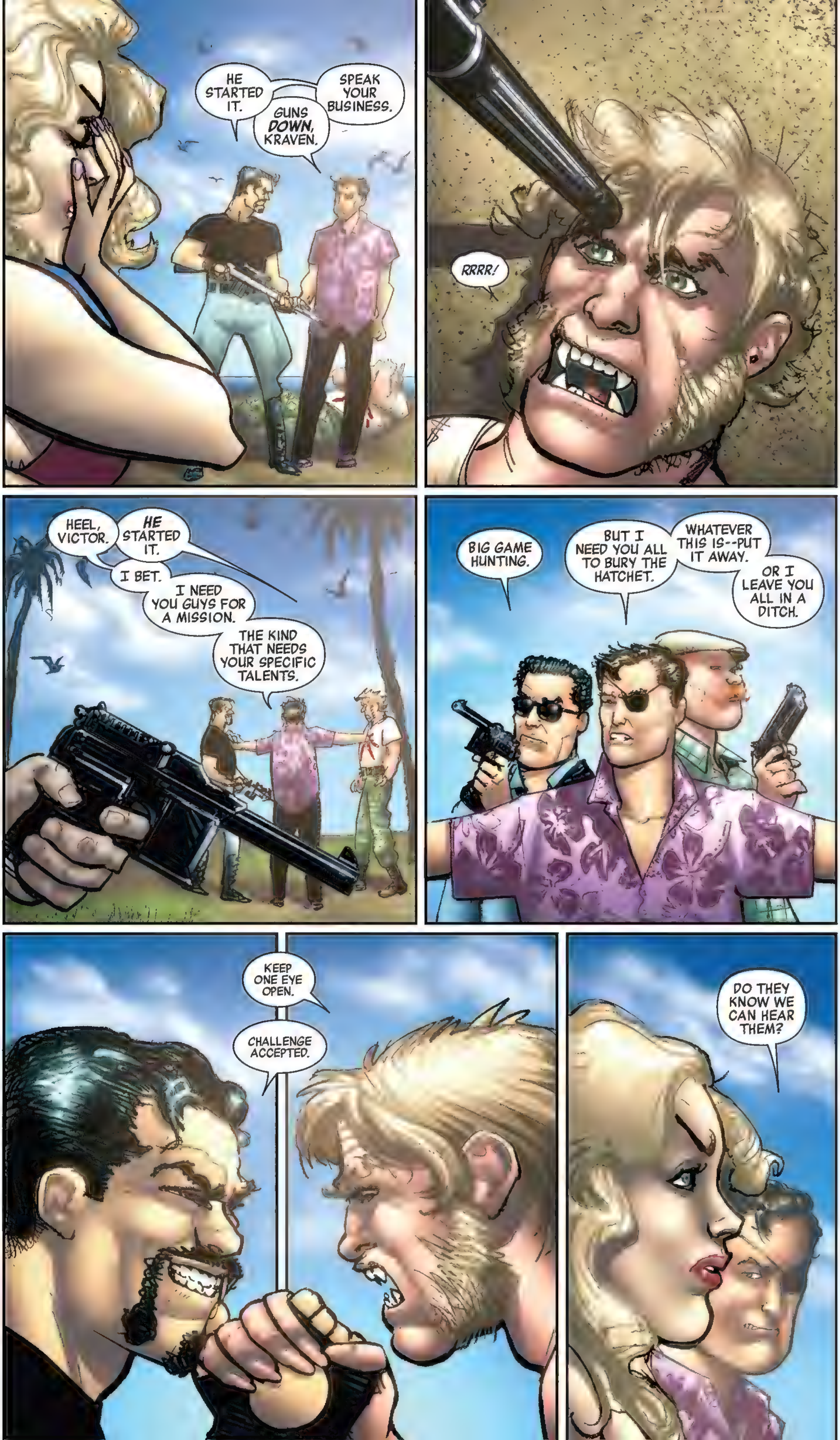
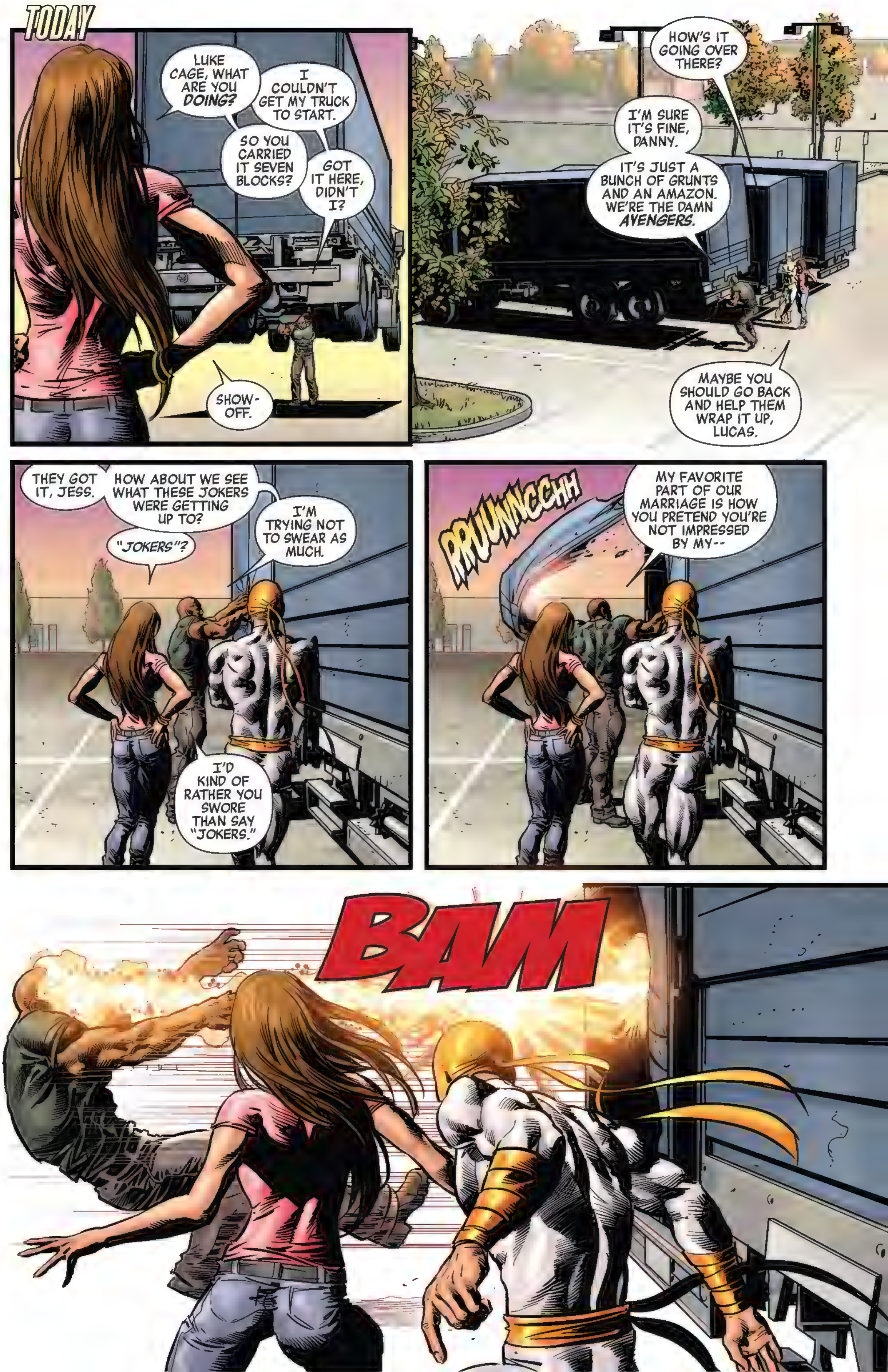
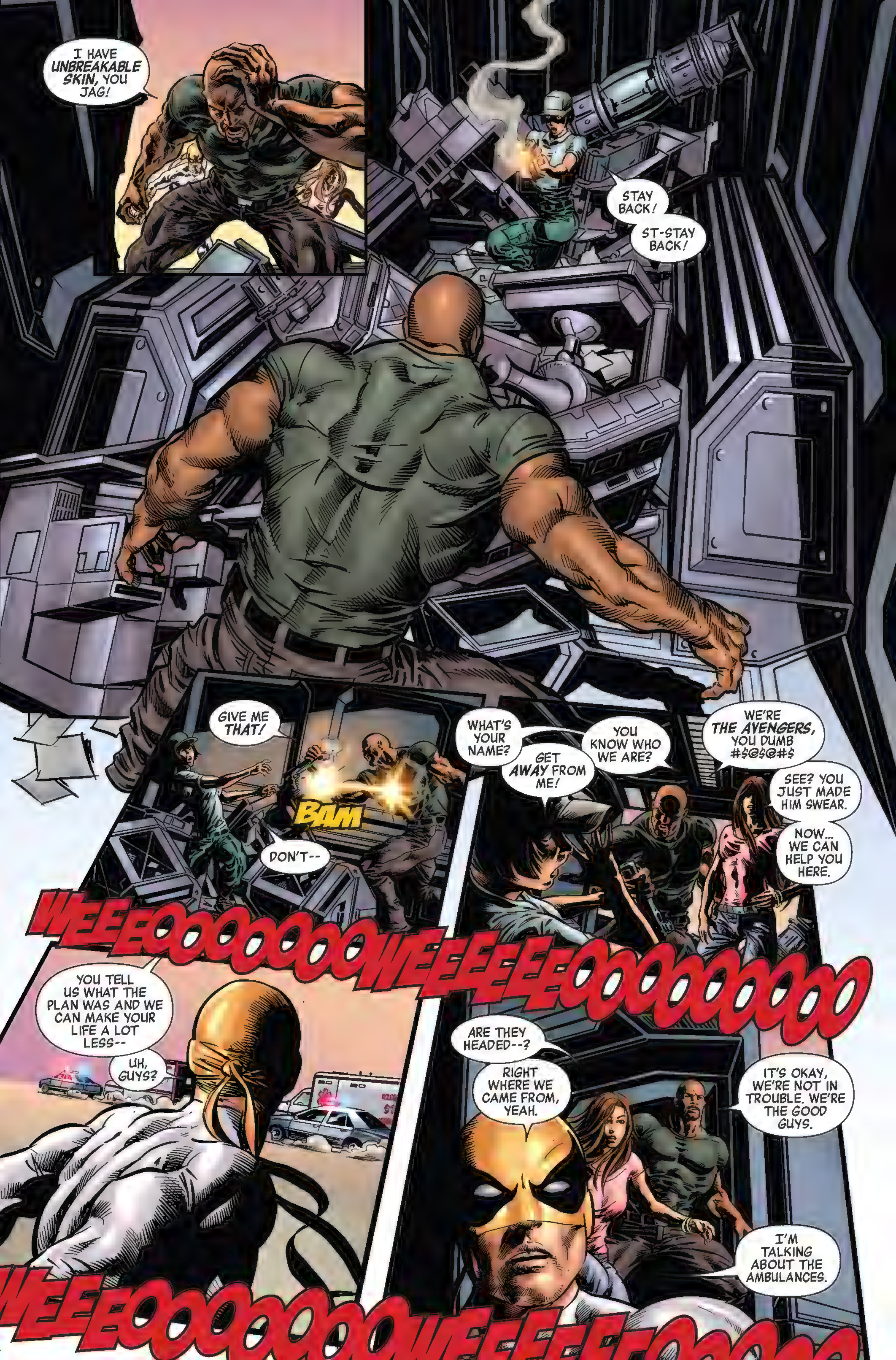
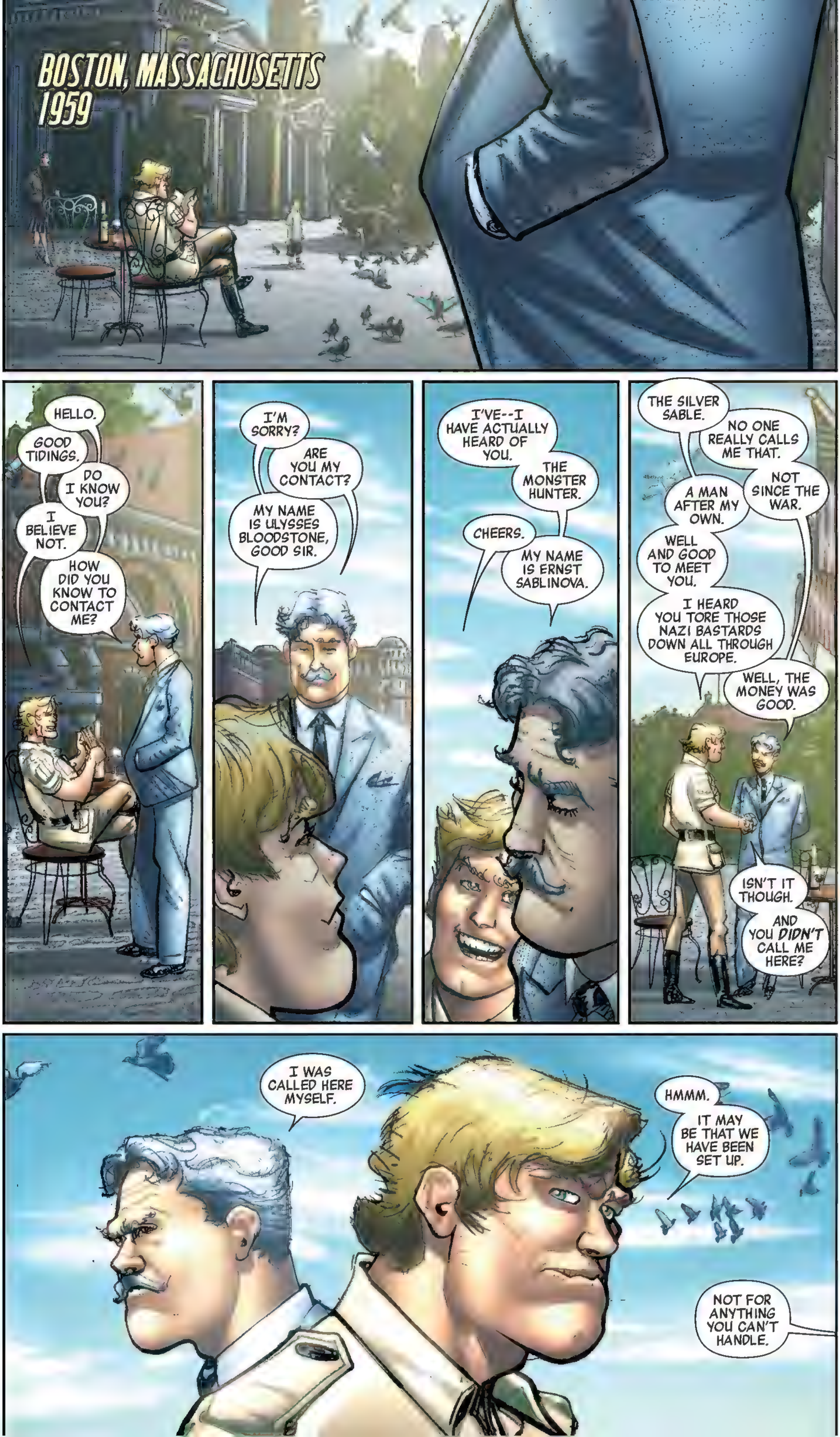
AQUARIA?
SURFACE BEINGS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO CALL ME THAT.
YOU PREFER NAMORA?
AND WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
YOU KNOW WHO I AM.
I HAVE A PROPOSITION FOR YOU... AND YOUR BOYFRIEND.
HOW DID YOU KNOW WHERE I WAS?
BECAUSE WE KNEW WHERE YOUR *BOYFRIEND* WAS.
CAN YOU TELL HIM TO STOP POINTING THE SNIPER RIFLE AT THE BACK OF MY HEAD?
IT'S ALL RIGHT, SERGEI!
HIS FIRST NAME IS SERGEI?
I THOUGHT YOU KNEW EVERYTHING, FURY.
I THOUGHT HIS FIRST NAME WAS KRAVEN.


STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS!
AND STOP LOOKING AT MY GIRL.
NO ONE'S LOOKING AT YOUR--
YOU!
I *KNOW* YOU.
WHERE DO I KNOW YOU FROM?!
AFRICA! YOU SON OF A--!
KRAVEN, PUT THE *GUN DOWN!*
I REMEMBER.
BAM
AGH!
BLOODY HELL!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
DON'T *WORRY* ABOUT IT?!
HE HEALS.
HOW DO YOU *DO* THAT, KRAVEN?!
HOW DO YOU MANAGE TO EMBARRASS ME *EVERYWHERE WE GO?!*


HE STARTED IT.
SPEAK YOUR BUSINESS.
GUNS *DOWN*, KRAVEN.
RRRR!
HEEL, VICTOR.
HE STARTED IT.
I BET.
I NEED YOU GUYS FOR A MISSION.
THE KIND THAT NEEDS YOUR SPECIFIC TALENTS.
BIG GAME HUNTING.
BUT I NEED YOU ALL TO BURY THE HATCHET.
WHATEVER THIS IS--PUT IT AWAY.
OR I LEAVE YOU ALL IN A DITCH.
KEEP ONE EYE OPEN.
CHALLENGE ACCEPTED.
DO THEY KNOW WE CAN HEAR THEM?


TODAY
LUKE CAGE, WHAT ARE YOU *DOING?*
I COULDN'T GET MY TRUCK TO START.
SO YOU CARRIED IT SEVEN BLOCKS?
GOT IT HERE, DIDN'T I?
SHOW-OFF.
HOW'S IT GOING OVER THERE?
I'M SURE IT'S FINE, DANNY.
IT'S JUST A BUNCH OF GRUNTS AND AN AMAZON. WE'RE THE DAMN *AVENGERS.*
MAYBE YOU SHOULD GO BACK AND HELP THEM WRAP IT UP, LUCAS.
THEY GOT IT, JESS.
HOW ABOUT WE SEE WHAT THESE JOKERS WERE GETTING UP TO?
"JOKERS"?
I'M TRYING NOT TO SWEAR AS MUCH.
I'D KIND OF RATHER YOU SWORE THAN SAY "JOKERS."
RRUUNNCCHH
MY FAVORITE PART OF OUR MARRIAGE IS HOW YOU PRETEND YOU'RE NOT IMPRESSED BY MY--
BAM


I HAVE *UNBREAKABLE SKIN*, YOU JAG!
STAY BACK!
ST-STAY BACK!
GIVE ME *THAT!*
BAM
DON'T--
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
GET *AWAY* FROM ME!
YOU KNOW WHO WE ARE?
WE'RE *THE AVENGERS,* YOU DUMB #$@$@#$
SEE? YOU JUST MADE HIM SWEAR.
NOW... WE CAN HELP YOU HERE.
WEEEOOOOOOOOWEEEEEEOOOOOOOOO
YOU TELL US WHAT THE PLAN WAS AND WE CAN MAKE YOUR LIFE A LOT LESS--
UH, GUYS?
ARE THEY HEADED--?
RIGHT WHERE WE CAME FROM, YEAH.
IT'S OKAY, WE'RE NOT IN TROUBLE. WE'RE THE GOOD GUYS.
I'M TALKING ABOUT THE AMBULANCES.
WEEEOOOOOOOOWEEEEEEOOOOO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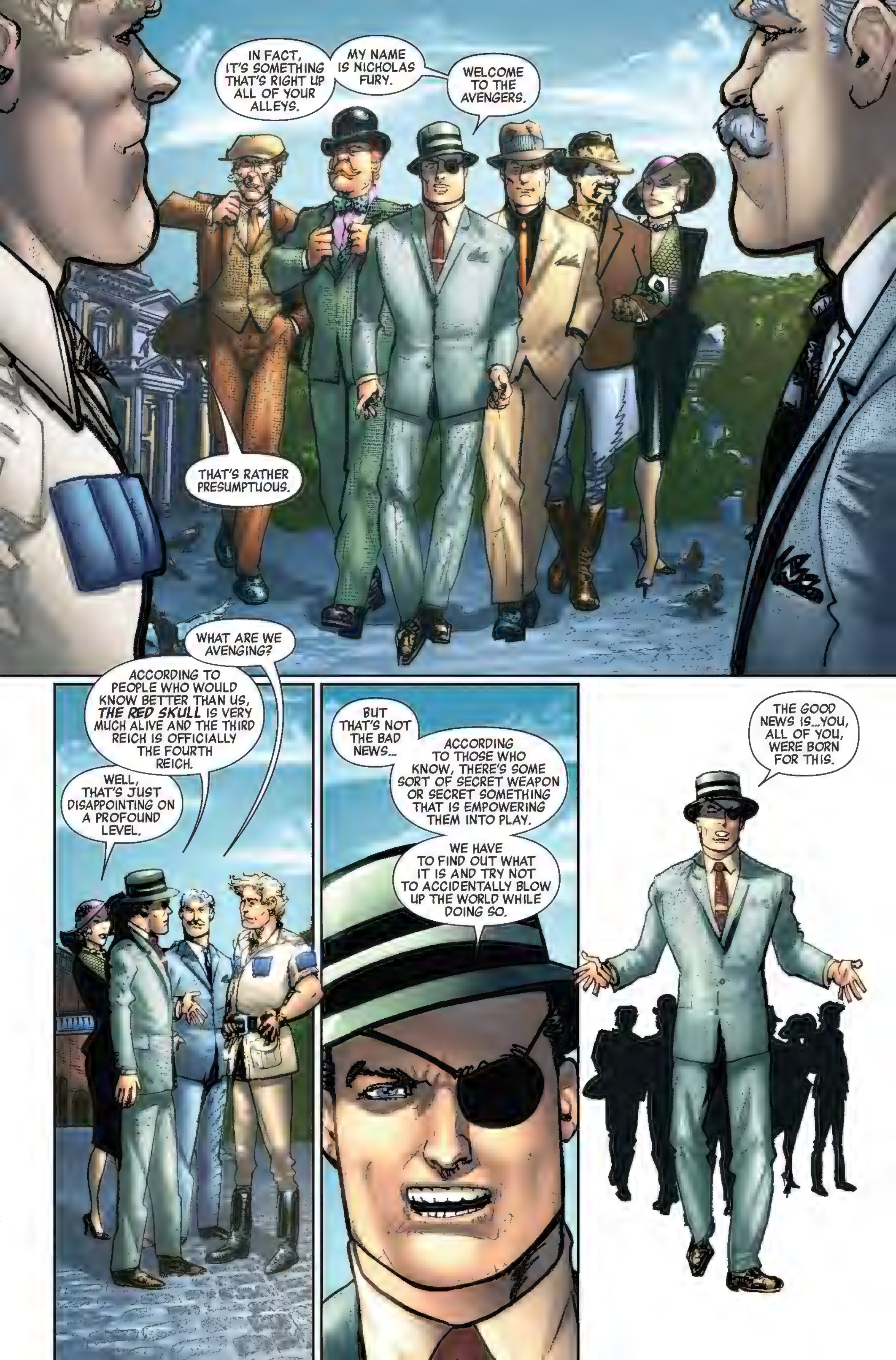
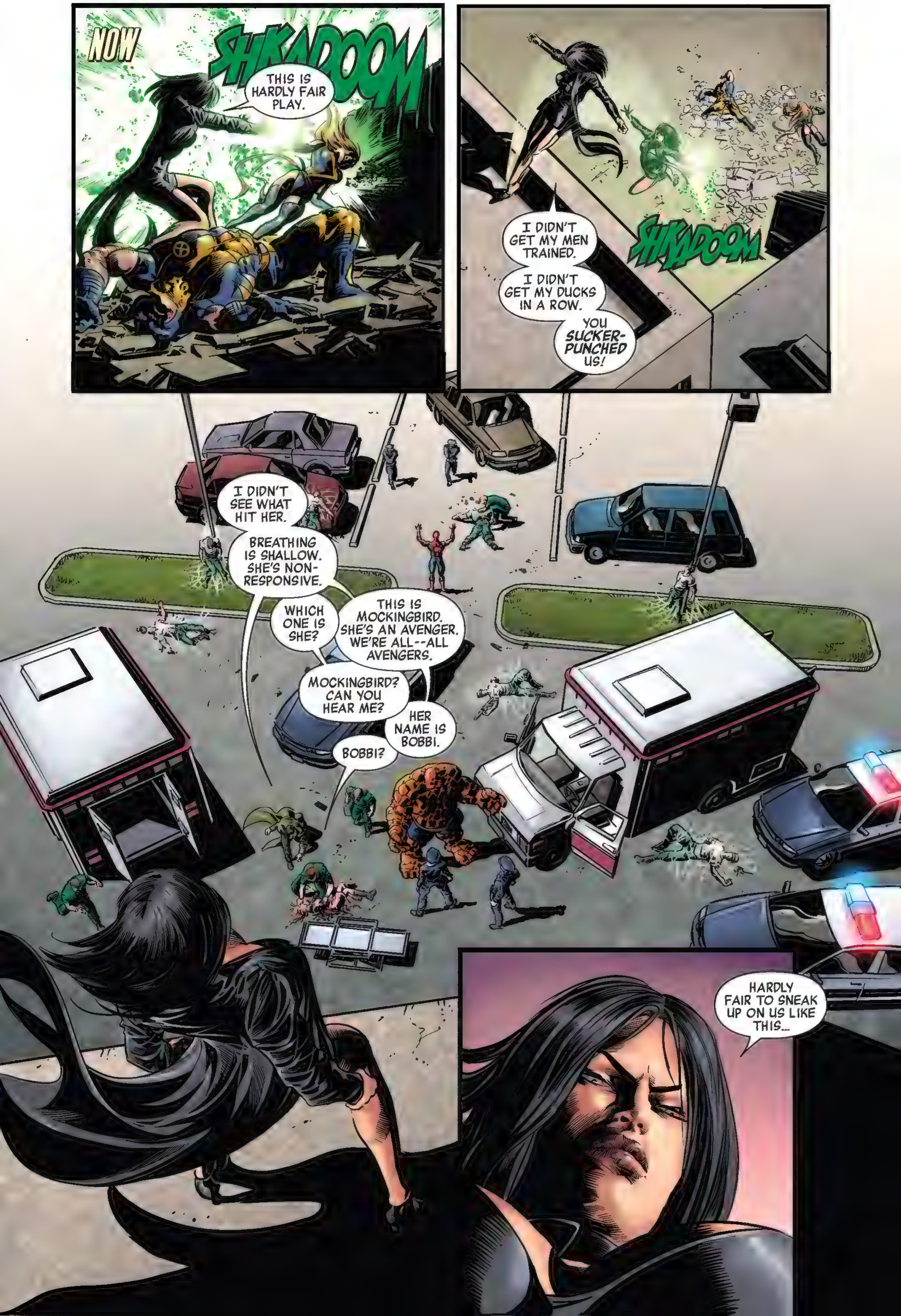
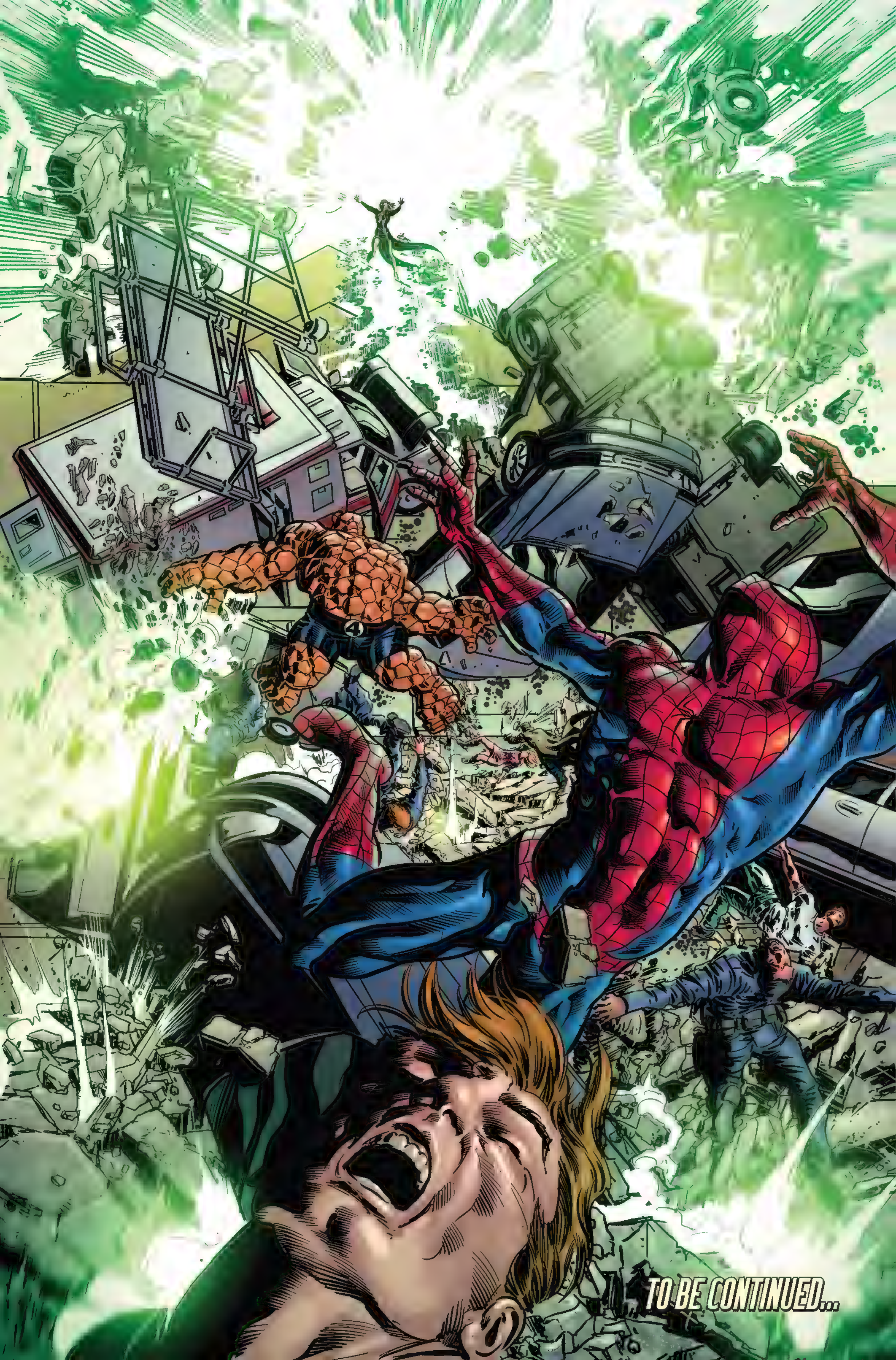
HELLO.
GOOD TIDINGS.
DO I KNOW YOU?
I BELIEVE NOT.
HOW DID YOU KNOW TO CONTACT ME?
I'M SORRY?
ARE YOU MY CONTACT?
MY NAME IS ULYSSES BLOODSTONE, GOOD SIR.
I'VE--I HAVE ACTUALLY HEARD OF YOU.
THE MONSTER HUNTER.
CHEERS.
MY NAME IS ERNST SABLINOVA.
THE SILVER SABLE.
NO ONE REALLY CALLS ME THAT.
A MAN AFTER MY OWN.
NOT SINCE THE WAR.
WELL AND GOOD TO MEET YOU.
I HEARD YOU TORE THOSE NAZI BASTARDS DOWN ALL THROUGH EUROPE.
WELL, THE MONEY WAS GOOD.
ISN'T IT THOUGH.
AND YOU *DIDN'T* CALL ME HERE?
I WAS CALLED HERE MYSELF.
HMMM.
IT MAY BE THAT WE HAVE BEEN SET UP.
NOT FOR ANYTHING YOU CAN'T HANDLE.


IN FACT, IT'S SOMETHING THAT'S RIGHT UP ALL OF YOUR ALLEYS.
MY NAME IS NICHOLAS FURY.
WELCOME TO THE AVENGERS.
THAT'S RATHER PRESUMPTUOUS.
WHAT ARE WE AVENGING?
ACCORDING TO PEOPLE WHO WOULD KNOW BETTER THAN US, *THE RED SKULL* IS VERY MUCH ALIVE AND THE THIRD REICH IS OFFICIALLY THE FOURTH REICH.
WELL, THAT'S JUST DISAPPOINTING ON A PROFOUND LEVEL.
BUT THAT'S NOT THE BAD NEWS...
ACCORDING TO THOSE WHO KNOW, THERE'S SOME SORT OF SECRET WEAPON OR SECRET SOMETHING THAT IS EMPOWERING THEM INTO PLAY.
WE HAVE TO FIND OUT WHAT IT IS AND TRY NOT TO ACCIDENTALLY BLOW UP THE WORLD WHILE DOING SO.
THE GOOD NEWS IS...YOU, ALL OF YOU, WERE BORN FOR THIS.


NOW
SHKADOOM
THIS IS HARDLY FAIR PLAY.
I DIDN'T GET MY MEN TRAINED.
I DIDN'T GET MY DUCKS IN A ROW.
YOU SUCKER-PUNCHED US!
SHKADOOM
I DIDN'T SEE WHAT HIT HER.
BREATHING IS SHALLOW. SHE'S NON-RESPONSIVE.
WHICH ONE IS SHE?
THIS IS MOCKINGBIRD. SHE'S AN AVENGER. WE'RE ALL--ALL AVENGERS.
MOCKINGBIRD? CAN YOU HEAR ME?
HER NAME IS BOBBI.
BOBBI?
HARDLY FAIR TO SNEAK UP ON US LIKE THIS...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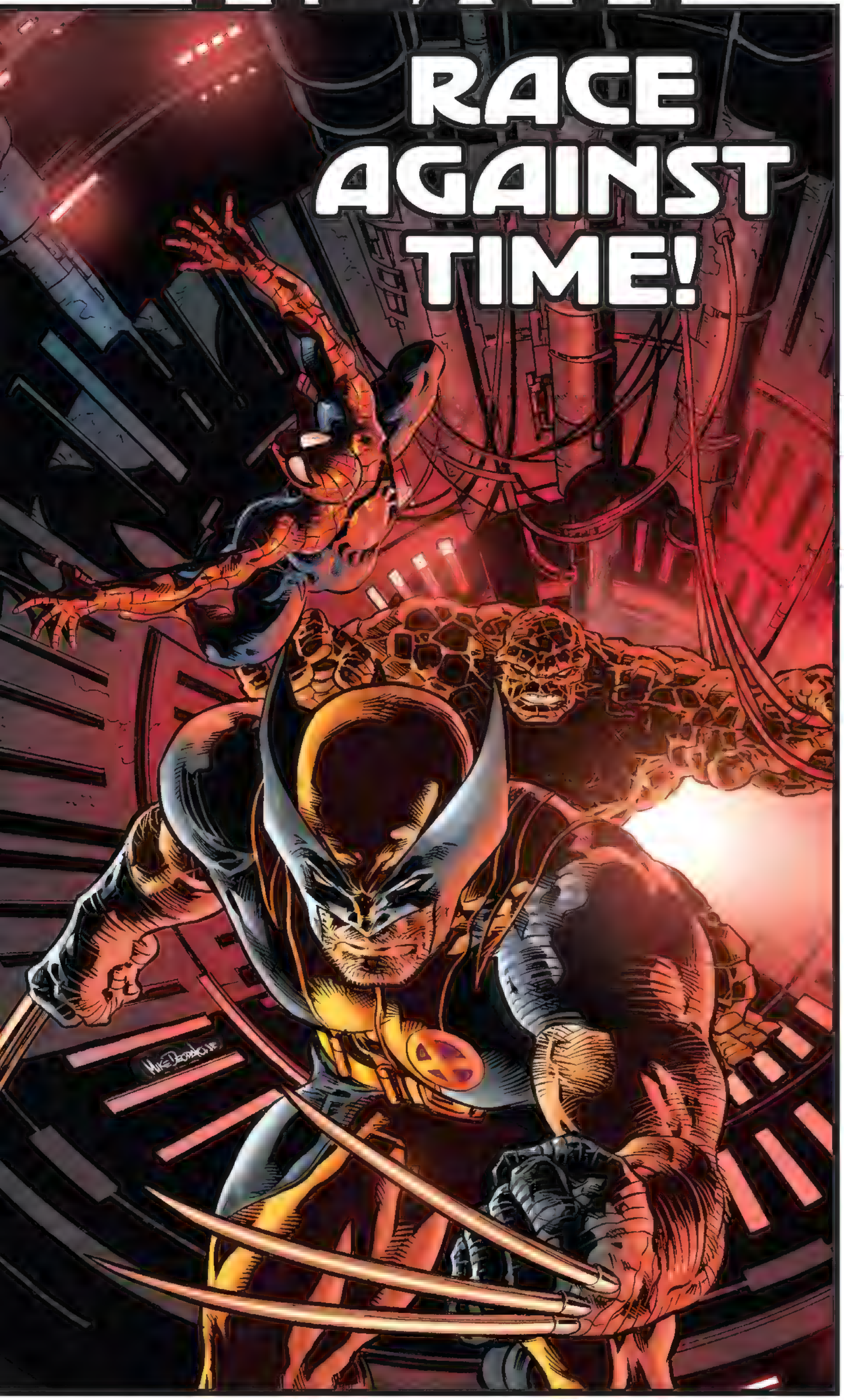
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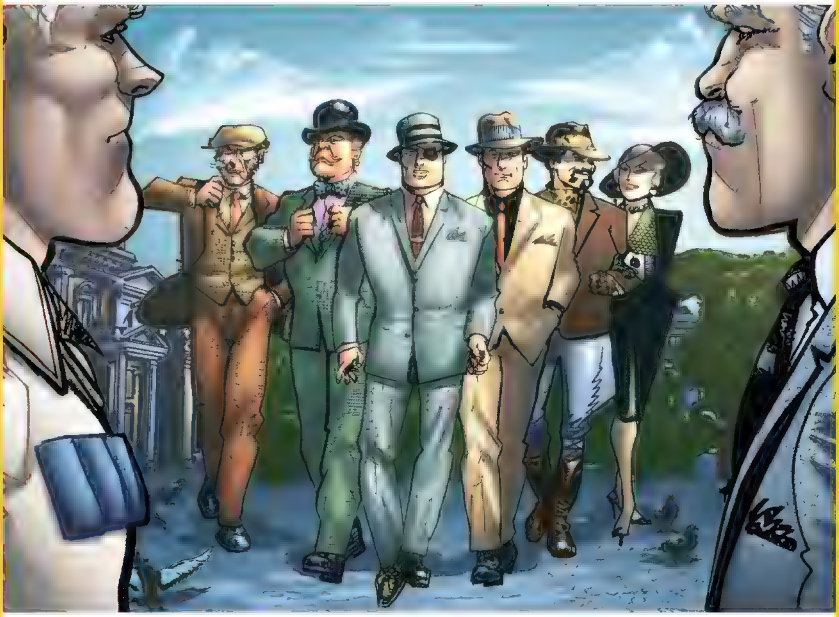

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IN THE LATE NINETEEN-FIFTIES: NICK FURY IS SPENDING HIS TIME HUNTING DOWN NAZI WAR CRIMINALS WHEN THE PRESIDENT ASKS HIM TO PUT TOGETHER AN AVENGERS INITIATIVE FOR A SPECIAL SECRET MISSION. THE TEAM CONSISTS OF HIS PARTNER DUM DUM DUGAN; VICTOR CREED, A.K.A. SABRETOOTH; NAMORA, AN ATLANTEAN PRINCESS; SERGEI KRAVINOFF, A.K.A. KRAVEN THE HUNTER; ULYSSES BLOODSTONE, MYSTICALLY ENHANCED MONSTER HUNTER; DOMINIC FORTUNE, SOLDIER-FOR-HIRE; AND ERNST SABLINOVA, A.K.A. THE SILVER SABLE.

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WOLVERINE

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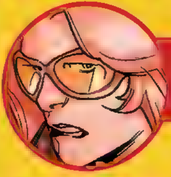

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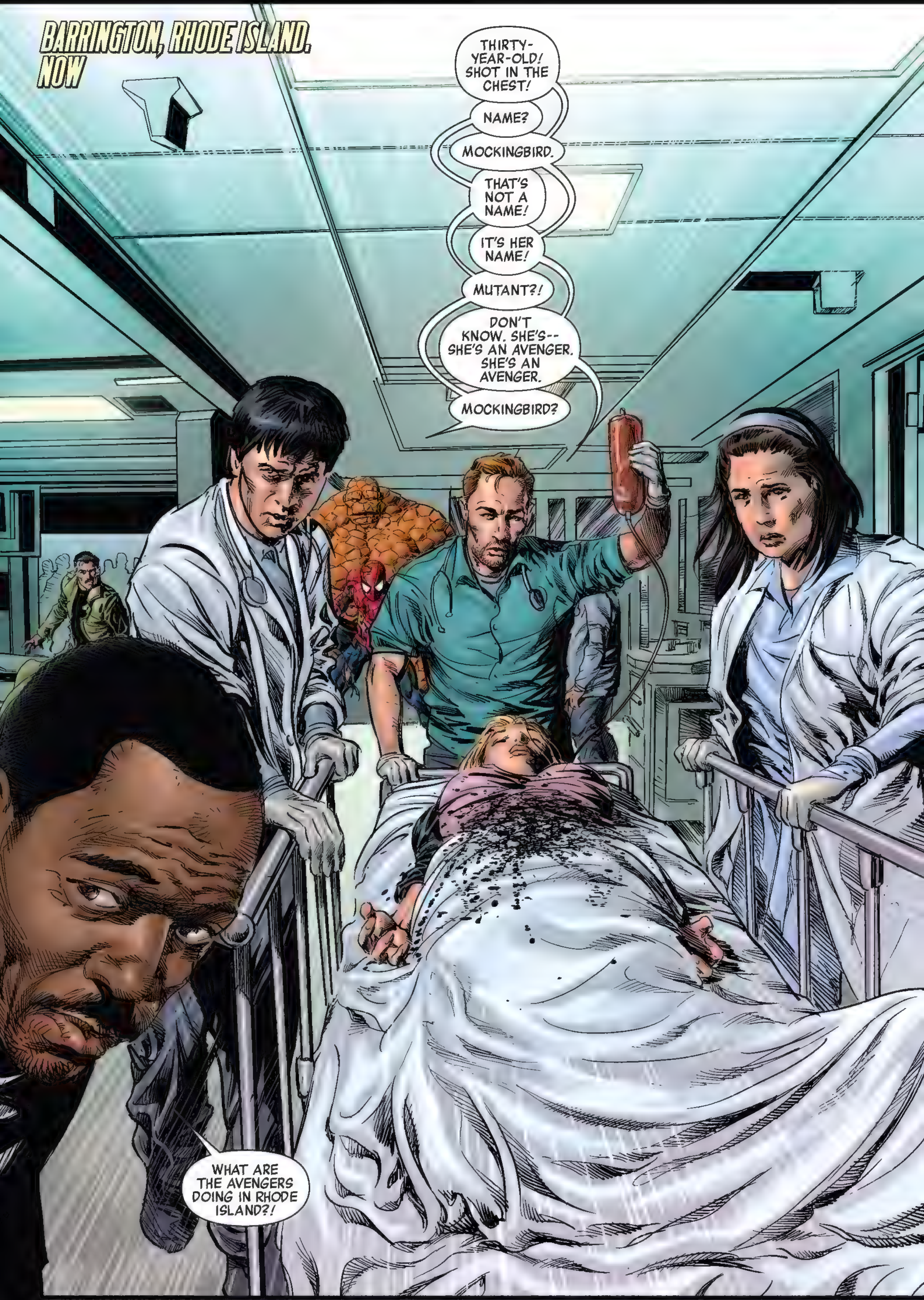
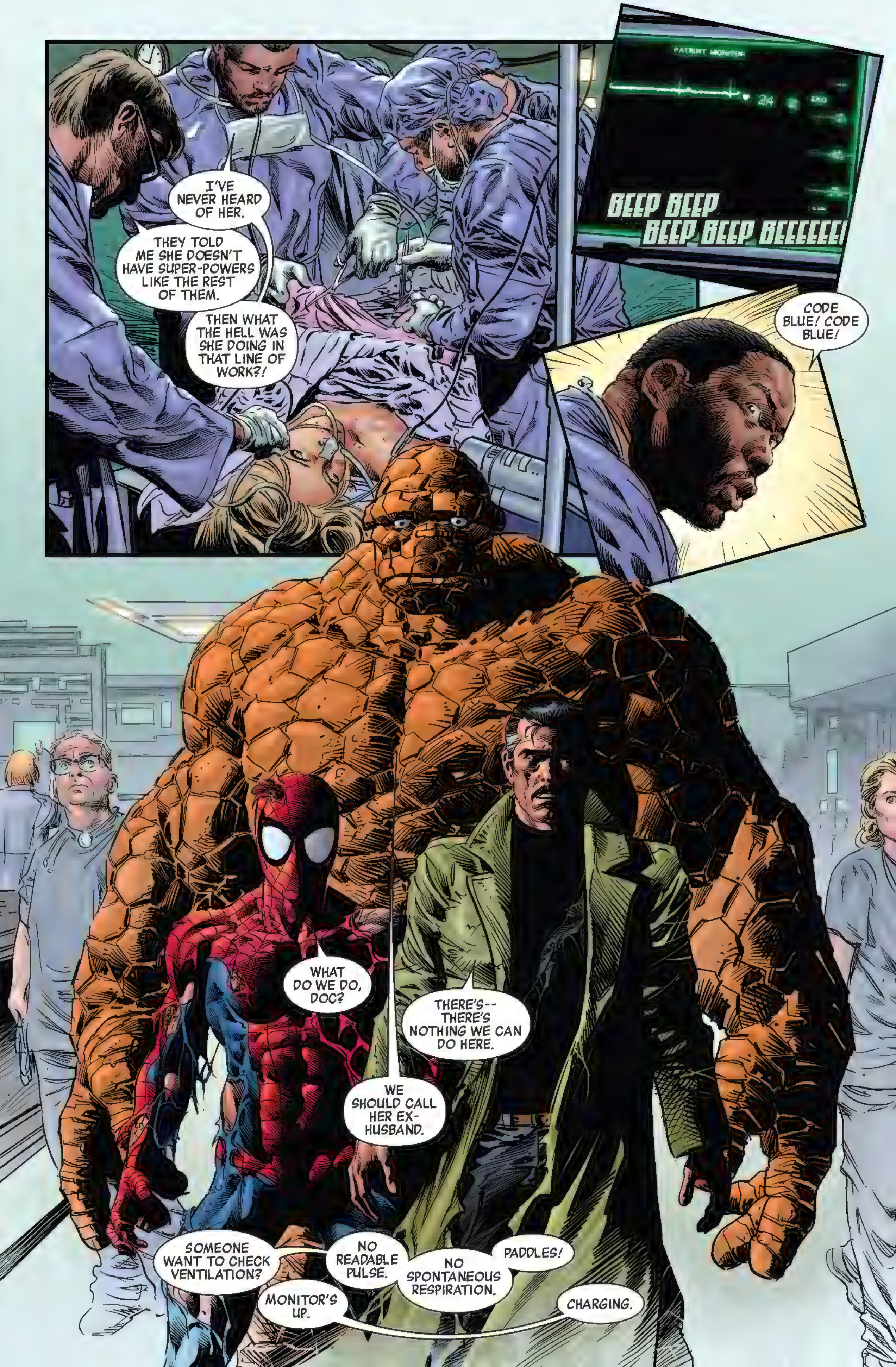
BARRINGTON, RHODE ISLAND. NOW
THIRTY-YEAR-OLD! SHOT IN THE CHEST!
NAME?
MOCKINGBIRD.
THAT'S NOT A NAME!
IT'S HER NAME!
MUTANT?!
DON'T KNOW. SHE'S--SHE'S AN AVENGER. SHE'S AN AVENGER.
MOCKINGBIRD?
WHAT ARE THE AVENGERS DOING IN RHODE ISLAND?!


I'VE NEVER HEARD OF HER.
THEY TOLD ME SHE DOESN'T HAVE SUPER-POWERS LIKE THE REST OF THEM.
THEN WHAT THE HELL WAS SHE DOING IN THAT LINE OF WORK?!
PATIENT MONITOR
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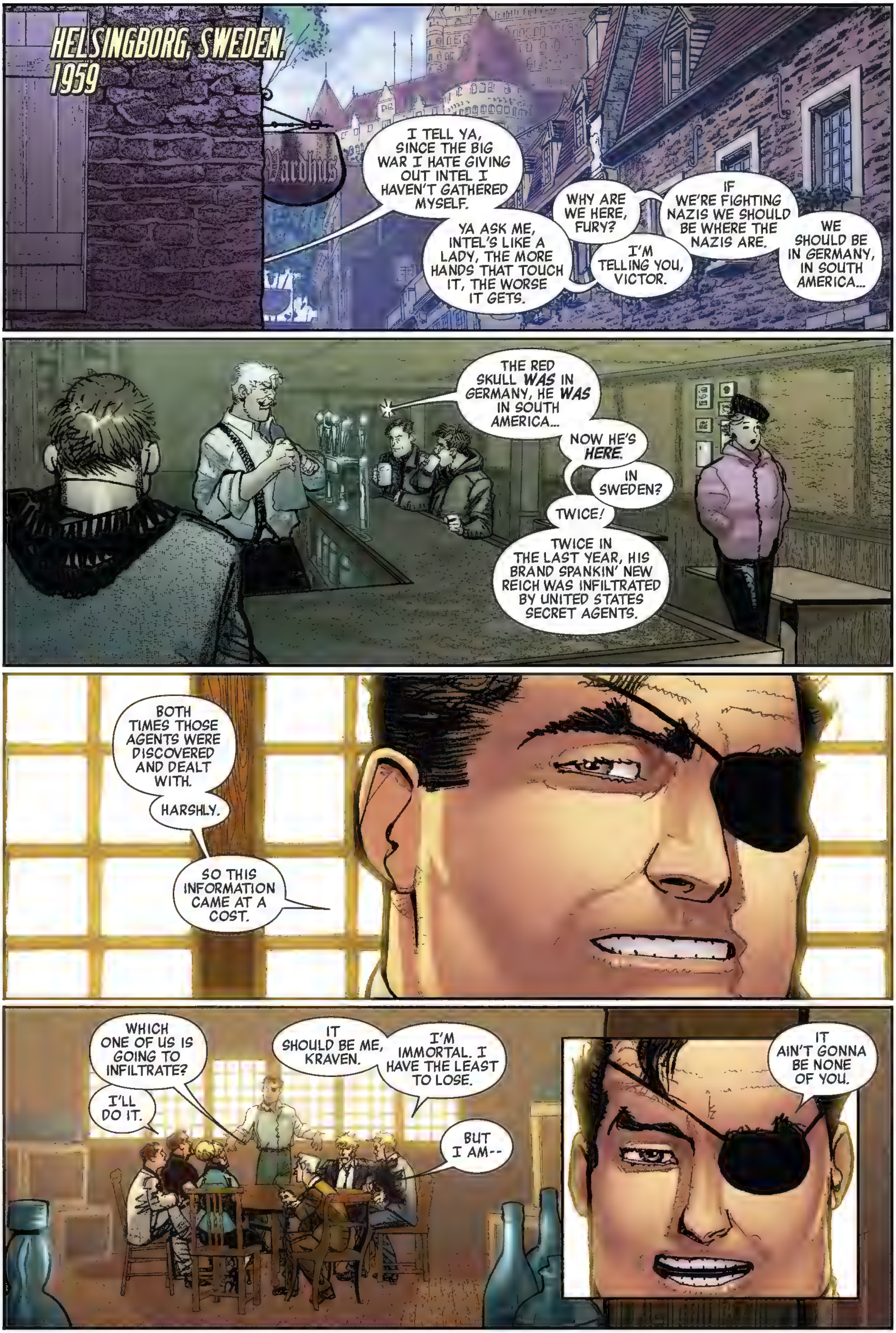
BEEP BEEP
BEEP BEEP BEEEEEE!
CODE BLUE! CODE BLUE!
WHAT DO WE DO, DOC?
THERE'S-- THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO HERE.
WE SHOULD CALL HER EX-HUSBAND.
SOMEONE WANT TO CHECK VENTILATION?
NO READABLE PULSE.
NO SPONTANEOUS RESPIRATION.
PADDLES!
MONITOR'S UP.
CHARGING.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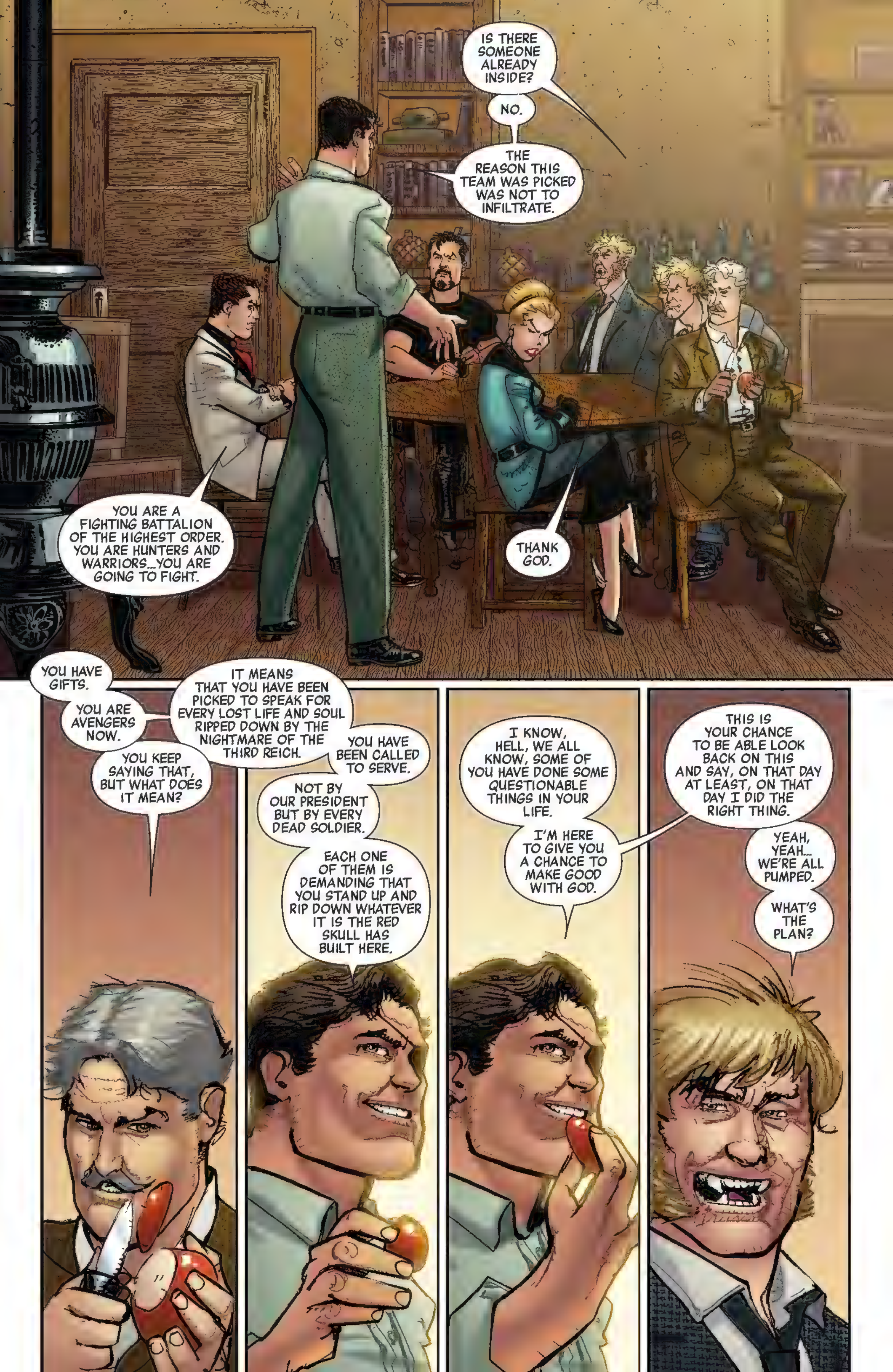
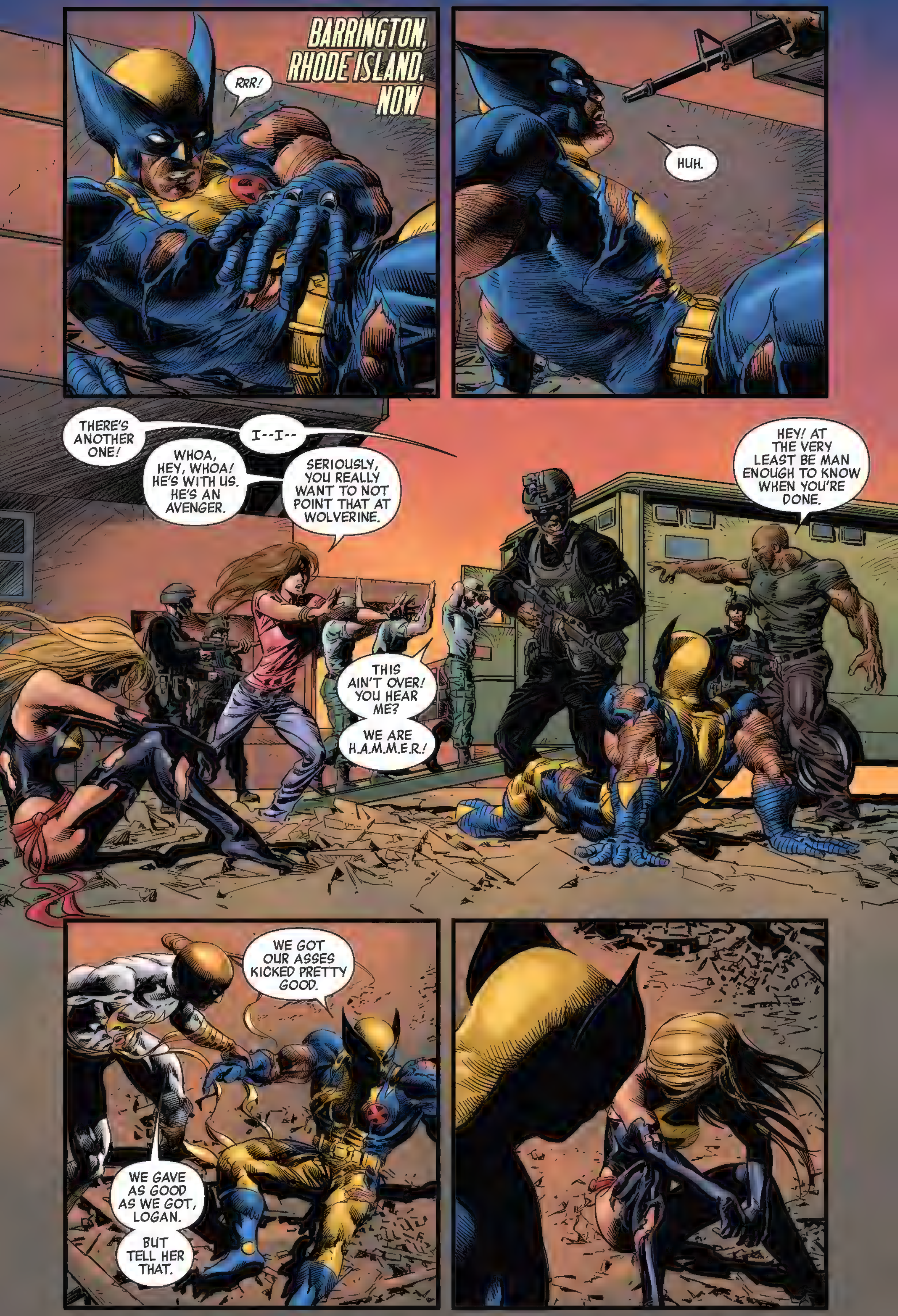
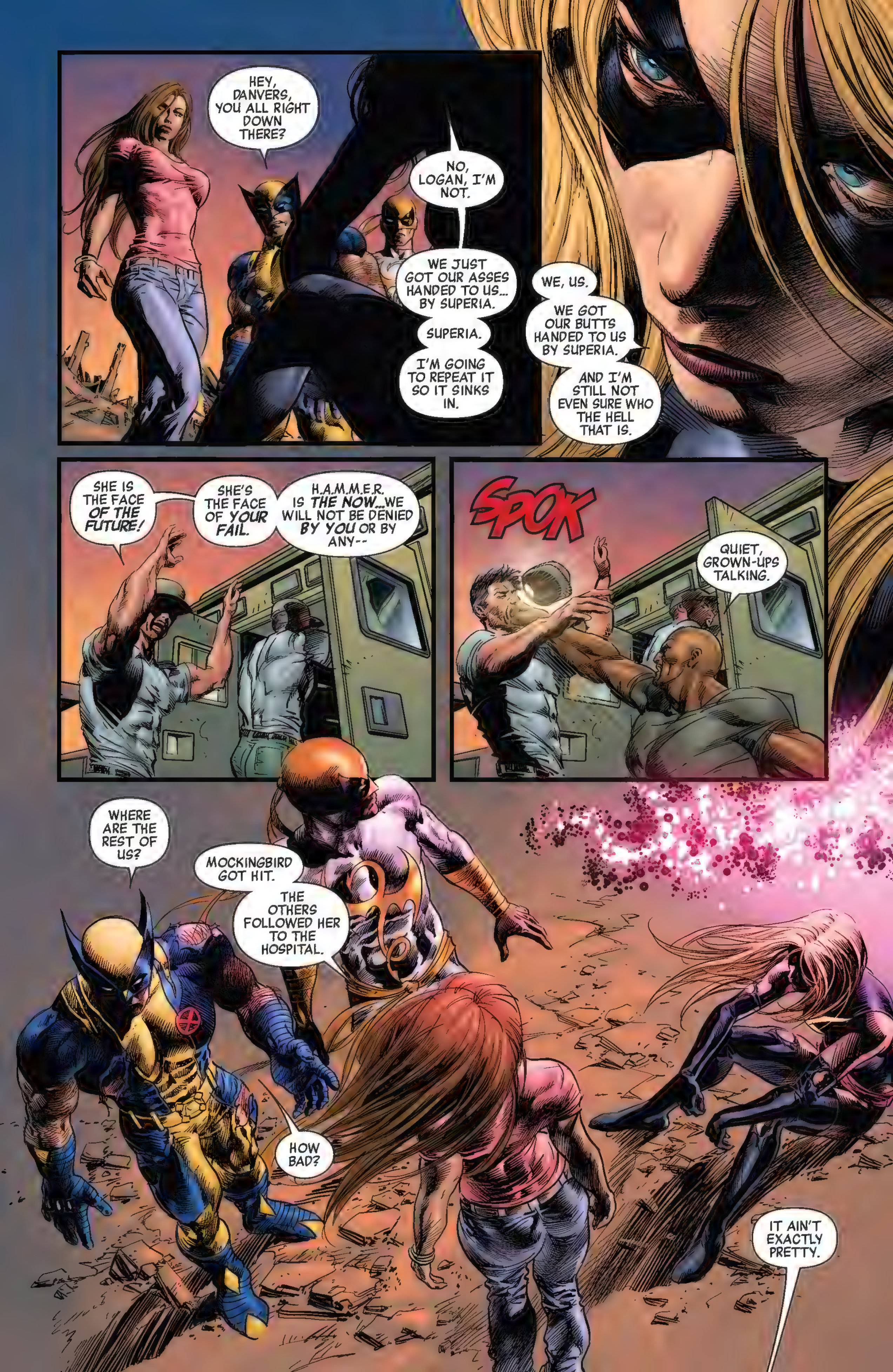
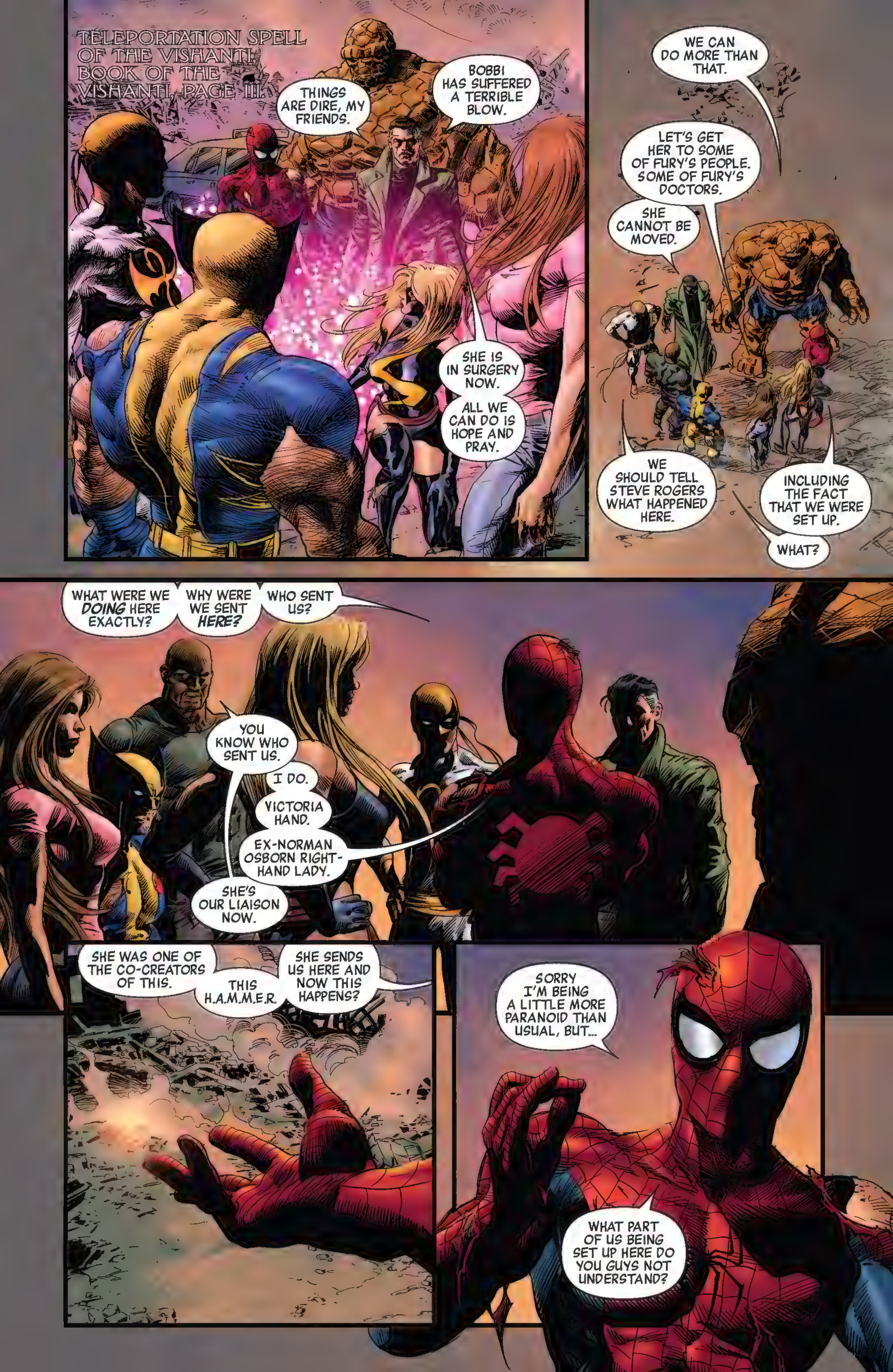
Vardhus
I TELL YA, SINCE THE BIG WAR I HATE GIVING OUT INTEL I HAVEN'T GATHERED MYSELF.
YA ASK ME, INTEL'S LIKE A LADY, THE MORE HANDS THAT TOUCH IT, THE WORSE IT GETS.
WHY ARE WE HERE, FURY?
I'M TELLING YOU, VICTOR.
IF WE'RE FIGHTING NAZIS WE SHOULD BE WHERE THE NAZIS ARE.
WE SHOULD BE IN GERMANY, IN SOUTH AMERICA...
THE RED SKULL *WAS* IN GERMANY, HE *WAS* IN SOUTH AMERICA...
NOW HE'S *HERE.*
IN SWEDEN?
TWICE!
TWICE IN THE LAST YEAR, HIS BRAND SPANKIN' NEW REICH WAS INFILTRATED BY UNITED STATES SECRET AGENTS.
BOTH TIMES THOSE AGENTS WERE DISCOVERED AND DEALT WITH.
HARSHLY.
SO THIS INFORMATION CAME AT A COST.
WHICH ONE OF US IS GOING TO INFILTRATE?
I'LL DO IT.
IT SHOULD BE ME, KRAVEN.
I'M IMMORTAL. I HAVE THE LEAST TO LOSE.
BUT I AM--
IT AIN'T GONNA BE NONE OF YOU.


IS THERE SOMEONE ALREADY INSIDE?
NO.
THE REASON THIS TEAM WAS PICKED WAS NOT TO INFILTRATE.
YOU ARE A FIGHTING BATTALION OF THE HIGHEST ORDER. YOU ARE HUNTERS AND WARRIORS...YOU ARE GOING TO FIGHT.
THANK GOD.
YOU HAVE GIFTS.
YOU ARE AVENGERS NOW.
YOU KEEP SAYING THAT, BUT WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
IT MEANS THAT YOU HAVE BEEN PICKED TO SPEAK FOR EVERY LOST LIFE AND SOUL RIPPED DOWN BY THE NIGHTMARE OF THE THIRD REICH.
YOU HAVE BEEN CALLED TO SERVE.
NOT BY OUR PRESIDENT BUT BY EVERY DEAD SOLDIER.
EACH ONE OF THEM IS DEMANDING THAT YOU STAND UP AND RIP DOWN WHATEVER IT IS THE RED SKULL HAS BUILT HERE.
I KNOW, HELL, WE ALL KNOW, SOME OF YOU HAVE DONE SOME QUESTIONABLE THINGS IN YOUR LIFE.
I'M HERE TO GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO MAKE GOOD WITH GOD.
THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO BE ABLE LOOK BACK ON THIS AND SAY, ON THAT DAY AT LEAST, ON THAT DAY I DID THE RIGHT THING.
YEAH, YEAH... WE'RE ALL PUMPED.
WHAT'S THE PLAN?


BARRINGTON, RHODE ISLAND. NOW
RRR!
HUH.
THERE'S ANOTHER ONE!
I--I--
WHOA, HEY, WHOA! HE'S WITH US. HE'S AN AVENGER.
SERIOUSLY, YOU REALLY WANT TO NOT POINT THAT AT WOLVERINE.
HEY! AT THE VERY LEAST BE MAN ENOUGH TO KNOW WHEN YOU'RE DONE.
THIS AIN'T OVER! YOU HEAR ME?
WE ARE H.A.M.M.E.R.!
SWAT
WE GOT OUR ASSES KICKED PRETTY GOOD.
WE GAVE AS GOOD AS WE GOT, LOGAN.
BUT TELL HER THAT.


HEY, DANVERS, YOU ALL RIGHT DOWN THERE?
NO, LOGAN, I'M NOT.
WE JUST GOT OUR ASSES HANDED TO US... BY SUPERIA.
SUPERIA.
I'M GOING TO REPEAT IT SO IT SINKS IN.
WE, US.
WE GOT OUR BUTTS HANDED TO US BY SUPERIA.
AND I'M STILL NOT EVEN SURE WHO THE HELL THAT IS.
SHE IS THE FACE *OF THE FUTURE!*
SHE'S THE FACE OF *YOUR FAIL.*
H.A.M.M.E.R. IS *THE NOW*...WE WILL NOT BE DENIED *BY YOU* OR BY ANY--
SPOK
QUIET, GROWN-UPS TALKING.
WHERE ARE THE REST OF US?
MOCKINGBIRD GOT HIT.
THE OTHERS FOLLOWED HER TO THE HOSPITAL.
HOW BAD?
IT AIN'T EXACTLY PRETTY.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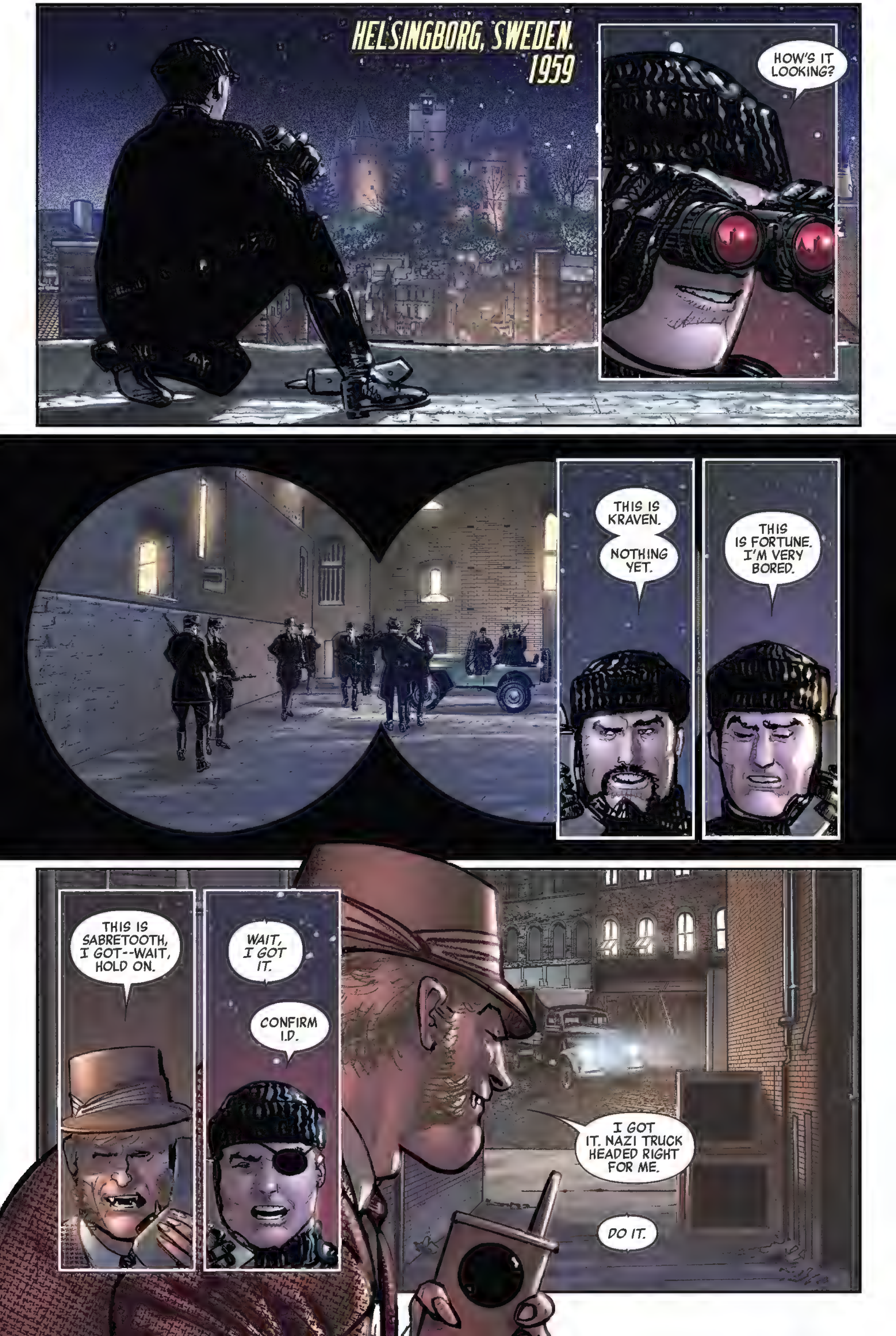
THINGS ARE DIRE, MY FRIENDS.
BOBBI HAS SUFFERED A TERRIBLE BLOW.
SHE IS IN SURGERY NOW.
ALL WE CAN DO IS HOPE AND PRAY.
WE CAN DO MORE THAN THAT.
LET'S GET HER TO SOME OF FURY'S PEOPLE. SOME OF FURY'S DOCTORS.
SHE CANNOT BE MOVED.
WE SHOULD TELL STEVE ROGERS WHAT HAPPENED HERE.
INCLUDING THE FACT THAT WE WERE SET UP.
WHAT?
WHAT WERE WE *DOING* HERE EXACTLY?
WHY WERE WE SENT *HERE?*
WHO SENT US?
YOU KNOW WHO SENT US.
I DO.
VICTORIA HAND.
EX-NORMAN OSBORN RIGHT-HAND LADY.
SHE'S OUR LIAISON NOW.
SHE WAS ONE OF THE CO-CREATORS OF THIS.
THIS H.A.M.M.E.R.
SHE SENDS US HERE AND NOW THIS HAPPENS?
SORRY I'M BEING A LITTLE MORE PARANOID THAN USUAL, BUT...
WHAT PART OF US BEING SET UP HERE DO YOU GUYS NOT UNDERSTAND?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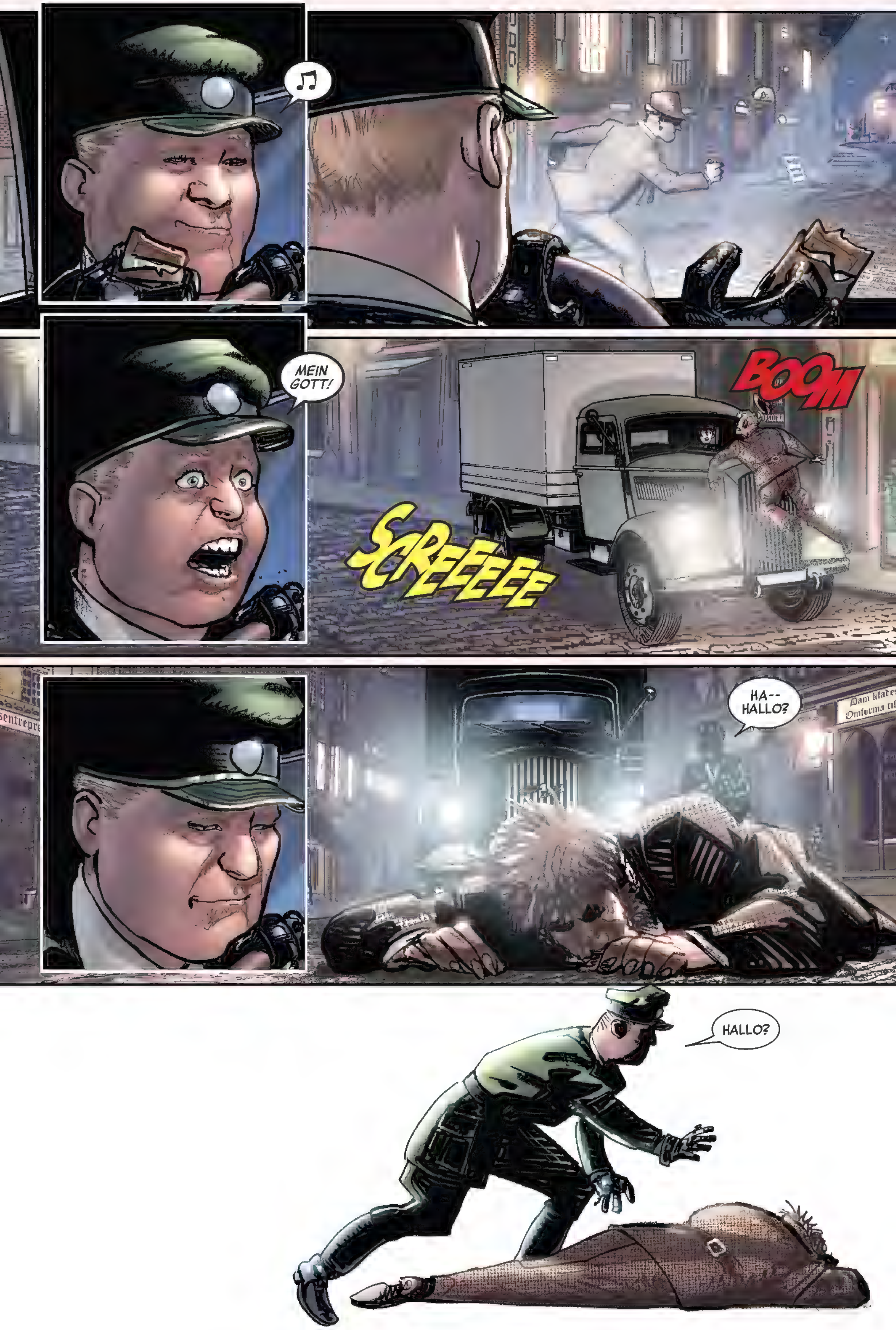
HOW'S IT LOOKING?
THIS IS KRAVEN.
NOTHING YET.
THIS IS FORTUNE. I'M VERY BORED.
THIS IS SABRETOOTH, I GOT--WAIT, HOLD ON.
WAIT, I GOT IT.
CONFIRM I.D.
I GOT IT. NAZI TRUCK HEADED RIGHT FOR ME.
DO IT.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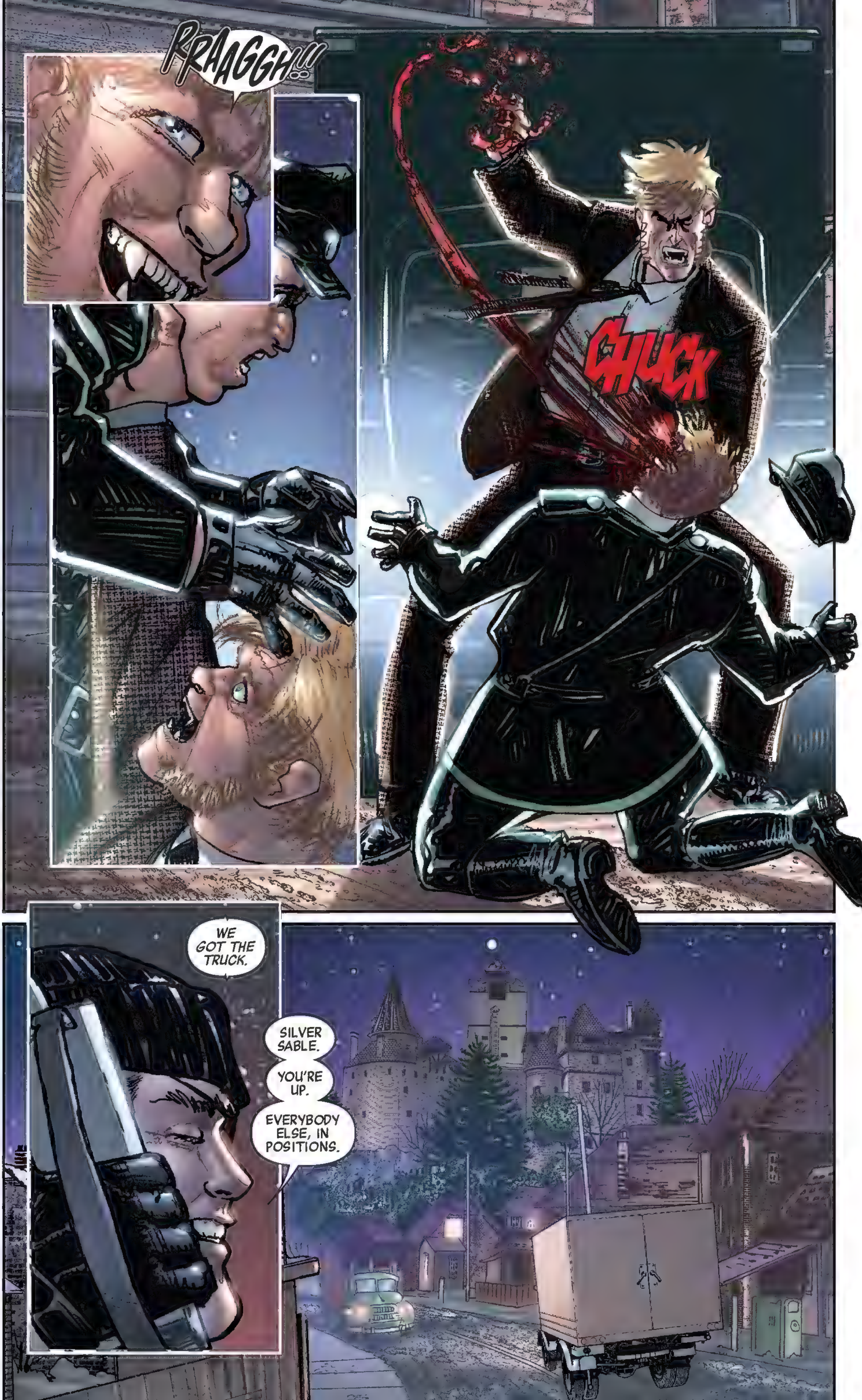
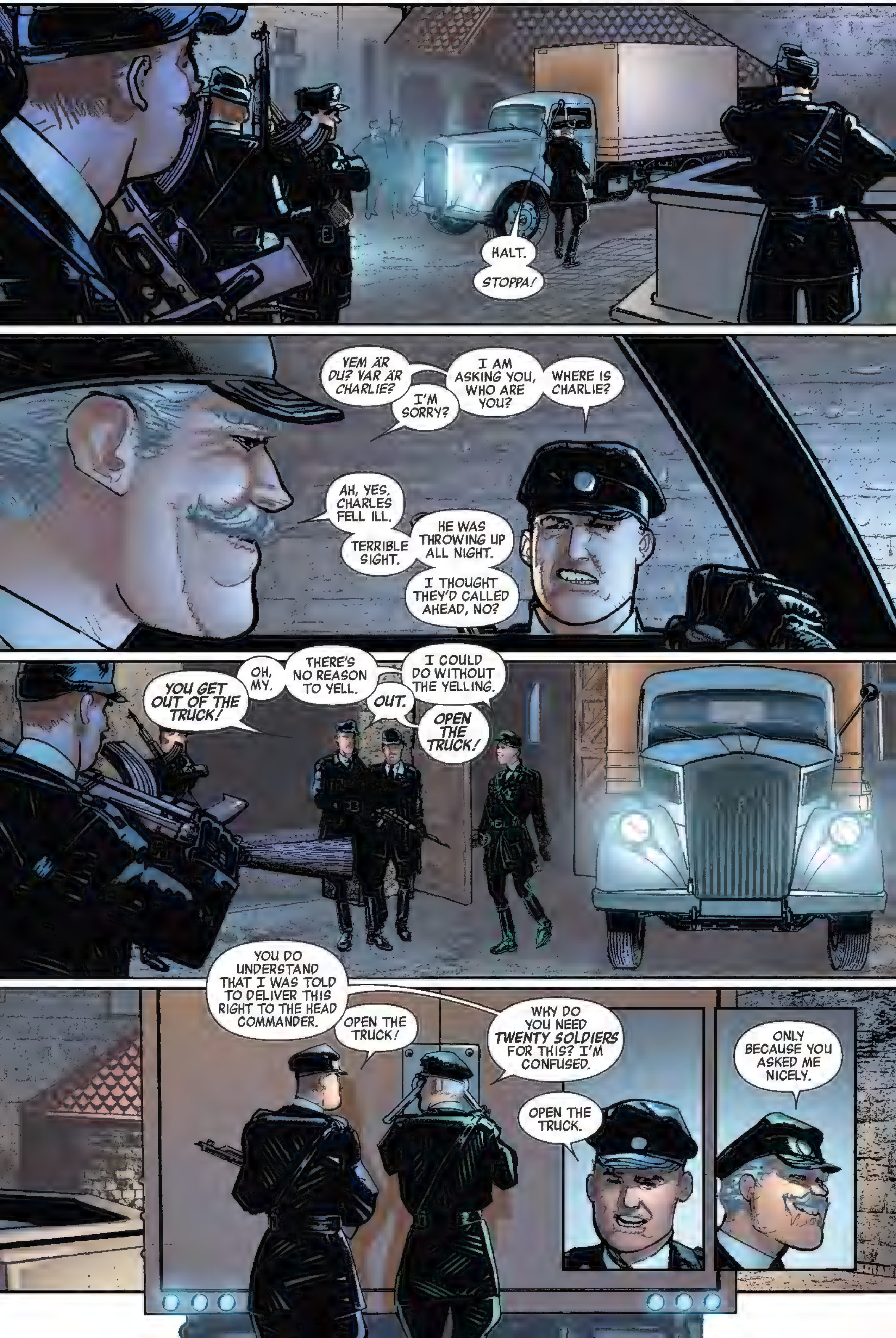
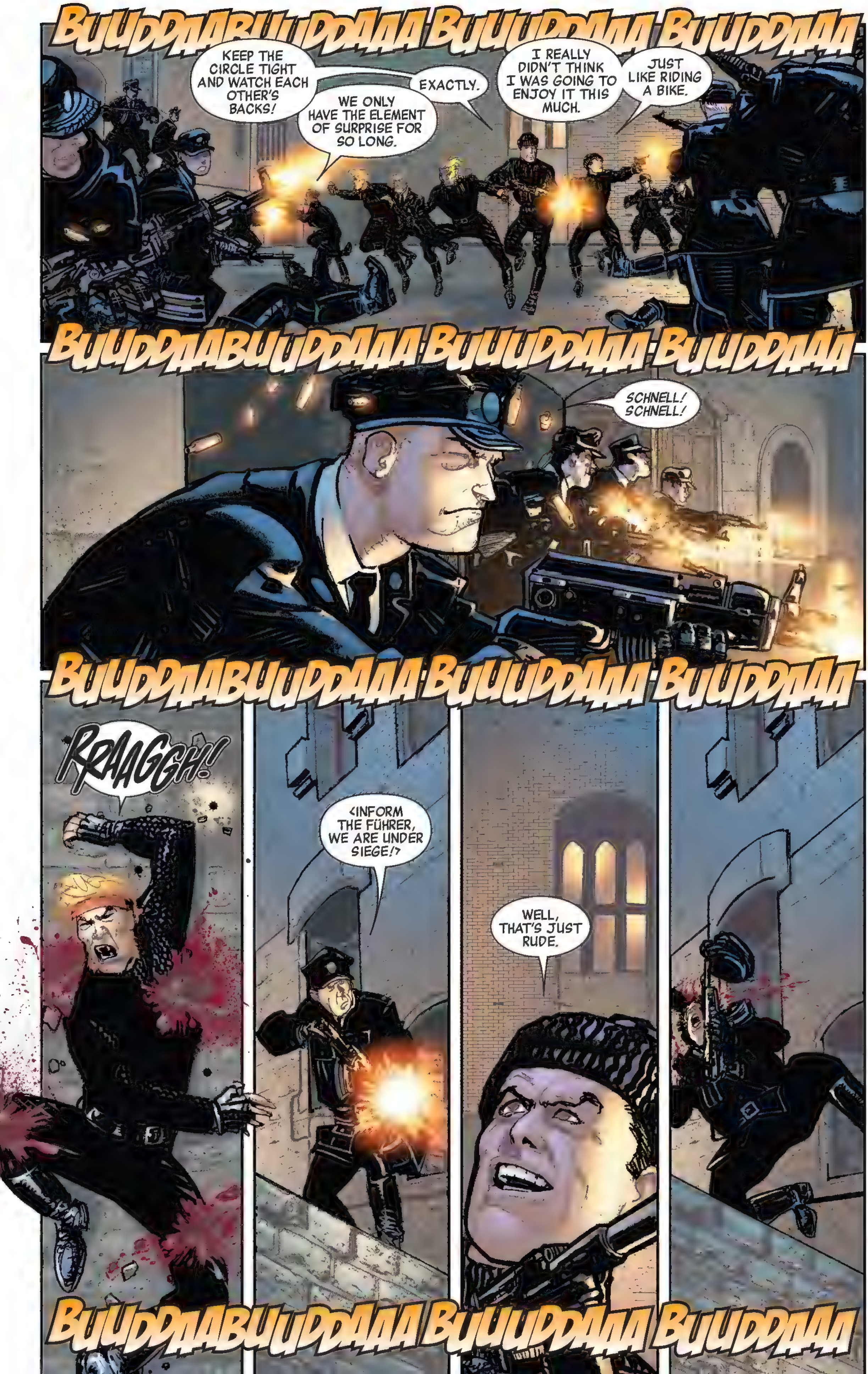
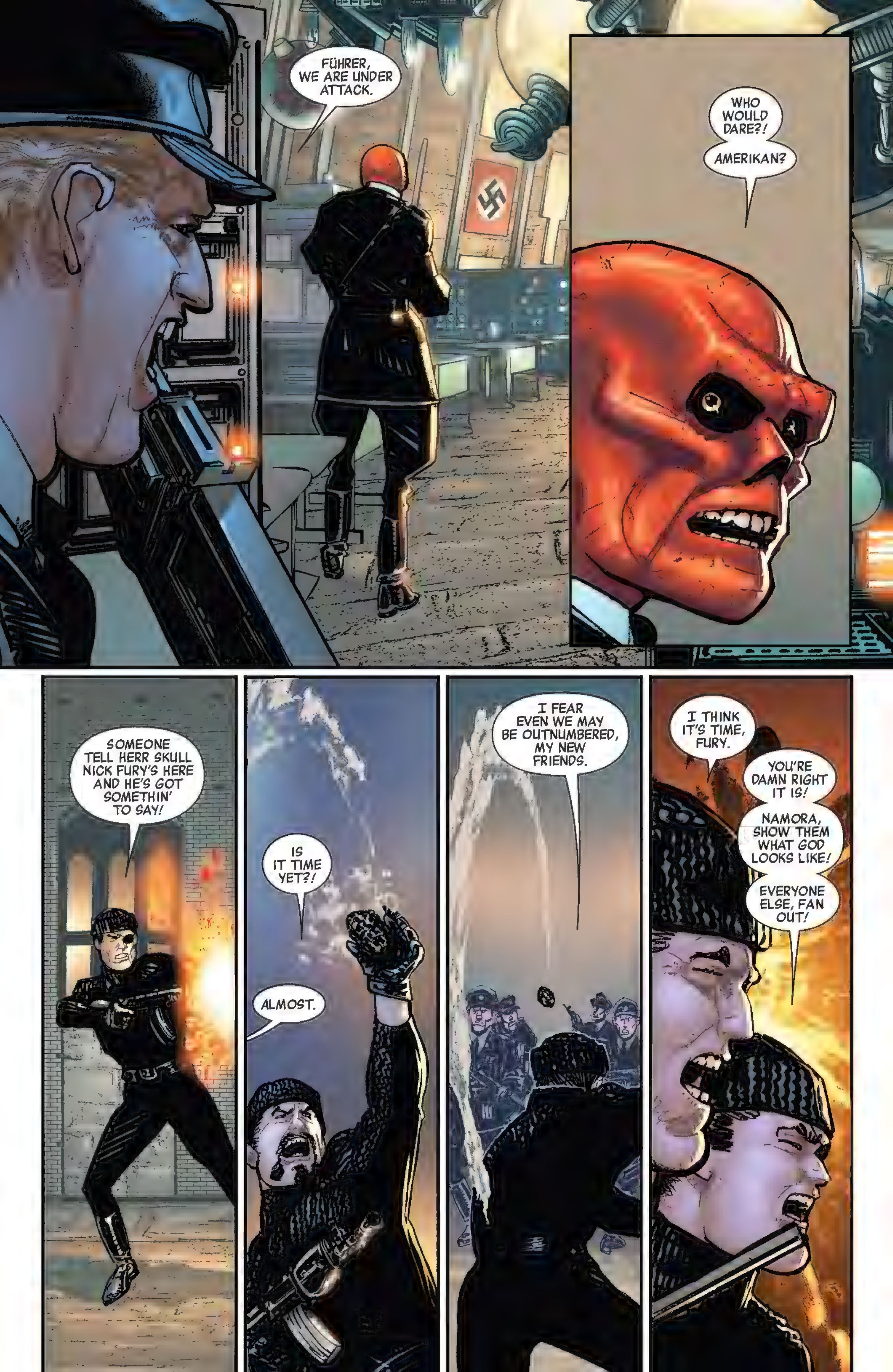
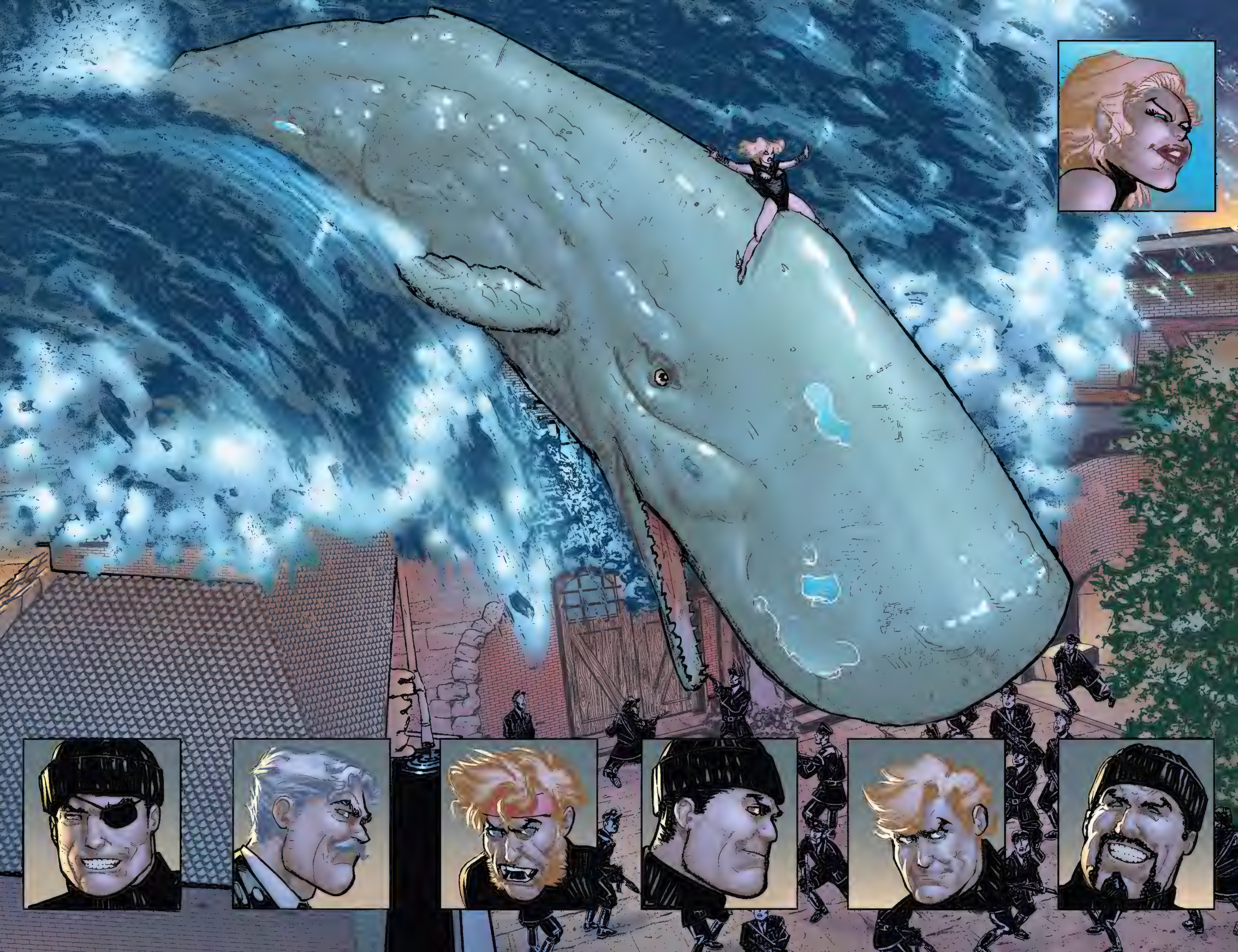
MEIN GOTT!
BOOM
SCREEEEEE
HA-- HALLO?
Dam klade
Omforma til
HALLO?

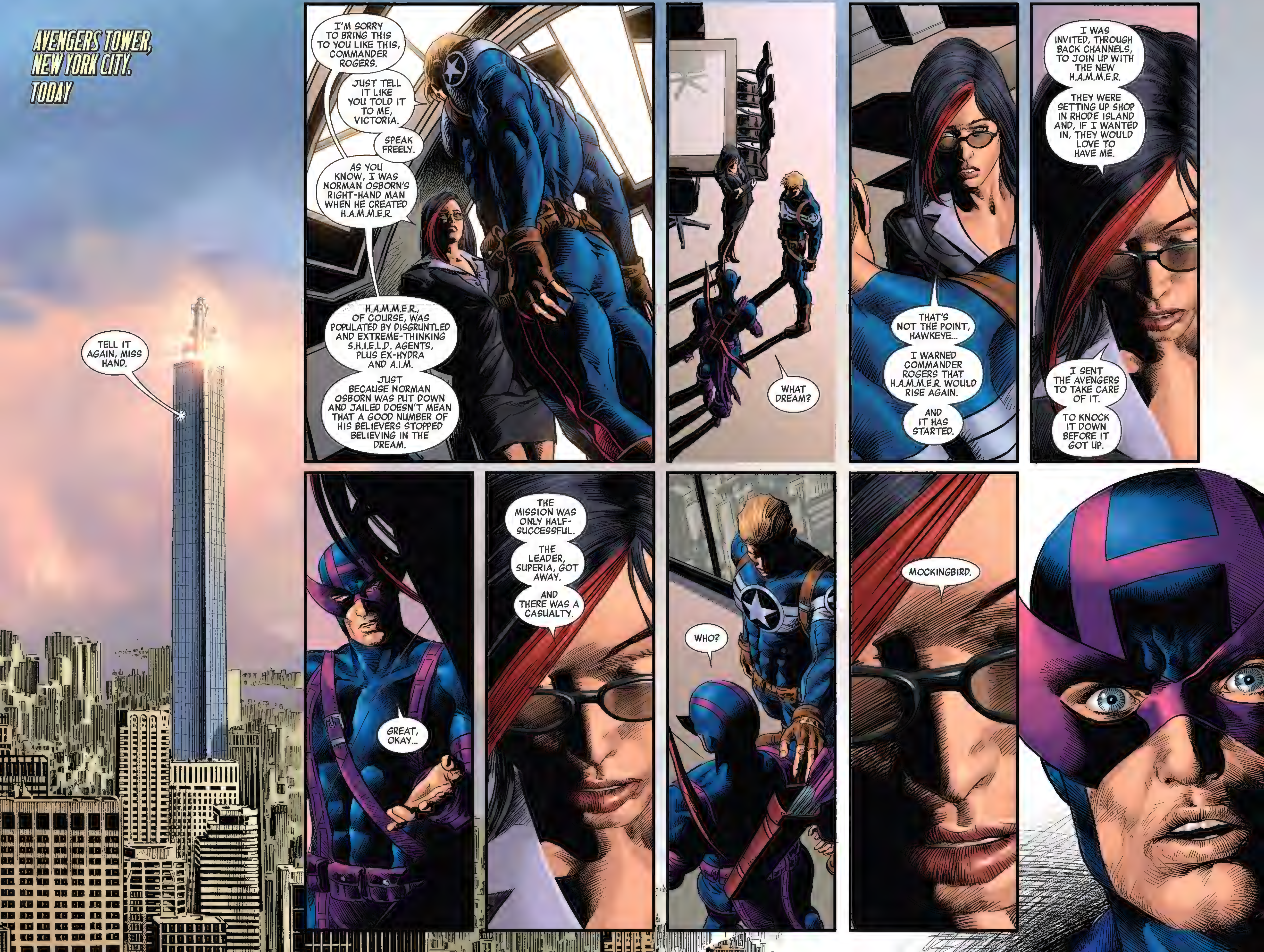

RRAAGGH!!
CHUCK
WE GOT THE TRUCK.
SILVER SABLE.
YOU'RE UP.
EVERYBODY ELSE, IN POSITIONS.

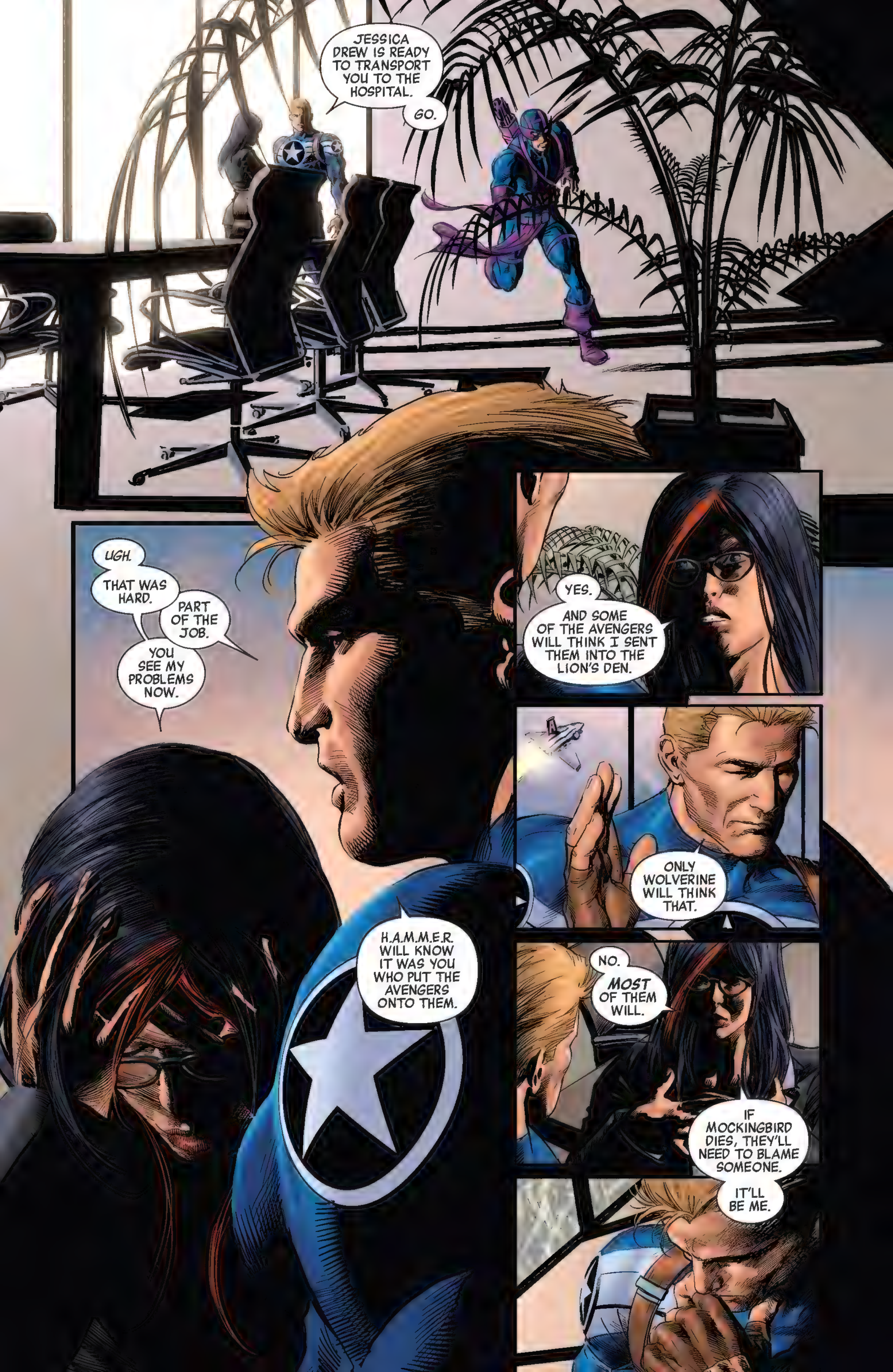

HALT.
STOPPA!
VEM ÄR DU? VAR ÄR CHARLIE?
I'M SORRY?
I AM ASKING YOU, WHO ARE YOU?
WHERE IS CHARLIE?
AH, YES. CHARLES FELL ILL.
TERRIBLE SIGHT.
HE WAS THROWING UP ALL NIGHT.
I THOUGHT THEY'D CALLED AHEAD, NO?
YOU GET OUT OF THE TRUCK!
OH, MY.
THERE'S NO REASON TO YELL.
I COULD DO WITHOUT THE YELLING.
OUT.
OPEN THE TRUCK!
YOU DO UNDERSTAND THAT I WAS TOLD TO DELIVER THIS RIGHT TO THE HEAD COMMANDER.
OPEN THE TRUCK!
WHY DO YOU NEED *TWENTY SOLDIERS* FOR THIS? I'M CONFUSED.
OPEN THE TRUCK.
ONLY BECAUSE YOU ASKED ME NICELY.

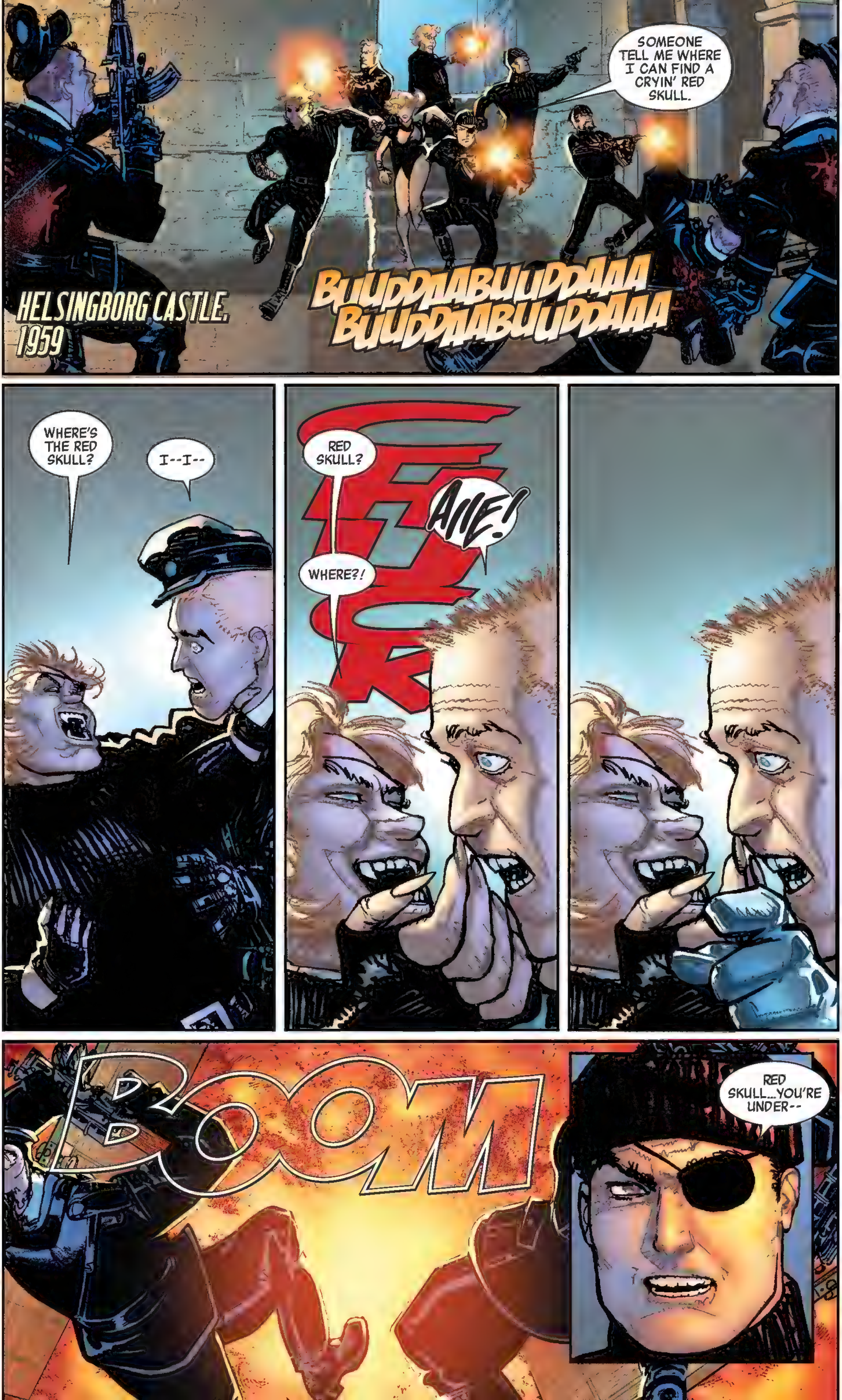

BUUDDAABUUDDAAA BUUUDDAAA BUUDDAAA
KEEP THE CIRCLE TIGHT AND WATCH EACH OTHER'S BACKS!
WE ONLY HAVE THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE FOR SO LONG.
EXACTLY.
I REALLY DIDN'T THINK I WAS GOING TO ENJOY IT THIS MUCH.
JUST LIKE RIDING A BIKE.
BUUDDAABUUDDAAA BUUUDDAAA BUUDDAAA
SCHNELL! SCHNELL!
BUUDDAABUUDDAAA BUUUDDAAA BUUDDAAA
KRAAGGH!
<INFORM THE FÜHRER, WE ARE UNDER SIEGE!>
WELL, THAT'S JUST RUDE.
BUUDDAABUUDDAAA BUUUDDAAA BUUDDAAA

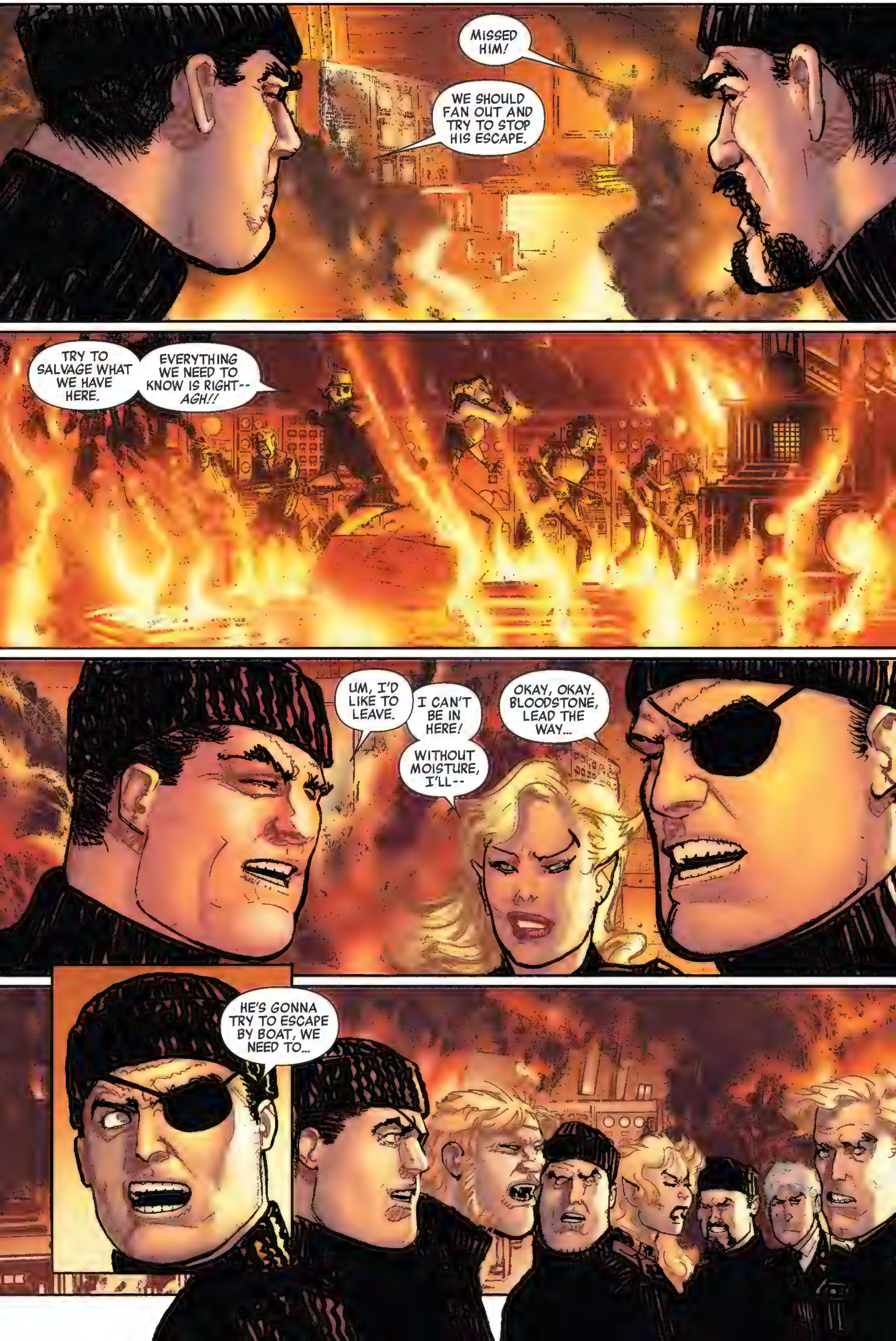

FÜHRER, WE ARE UNDER ATTACK.
WHO WOULD DARE?!
AMERIKAN?
SOMEONE TELL HERR SKULL NICK FURY'S HERE AND HE'S GOT SOMETHIN' TO SAY!
IS IT TIME YET?!
ALMOST.
I FEAR EVEN WE MAY BE OUTNUMBERED, MY NEW FRIENDS.
I THINK IT'S TIME, FURY.
YOU'RE DAMN RIGHT IT IS!
NAMORA, SHOW THEM WHAT GOD LOOKS LIKE!
EVERYONE ELSE, FAN OUT!

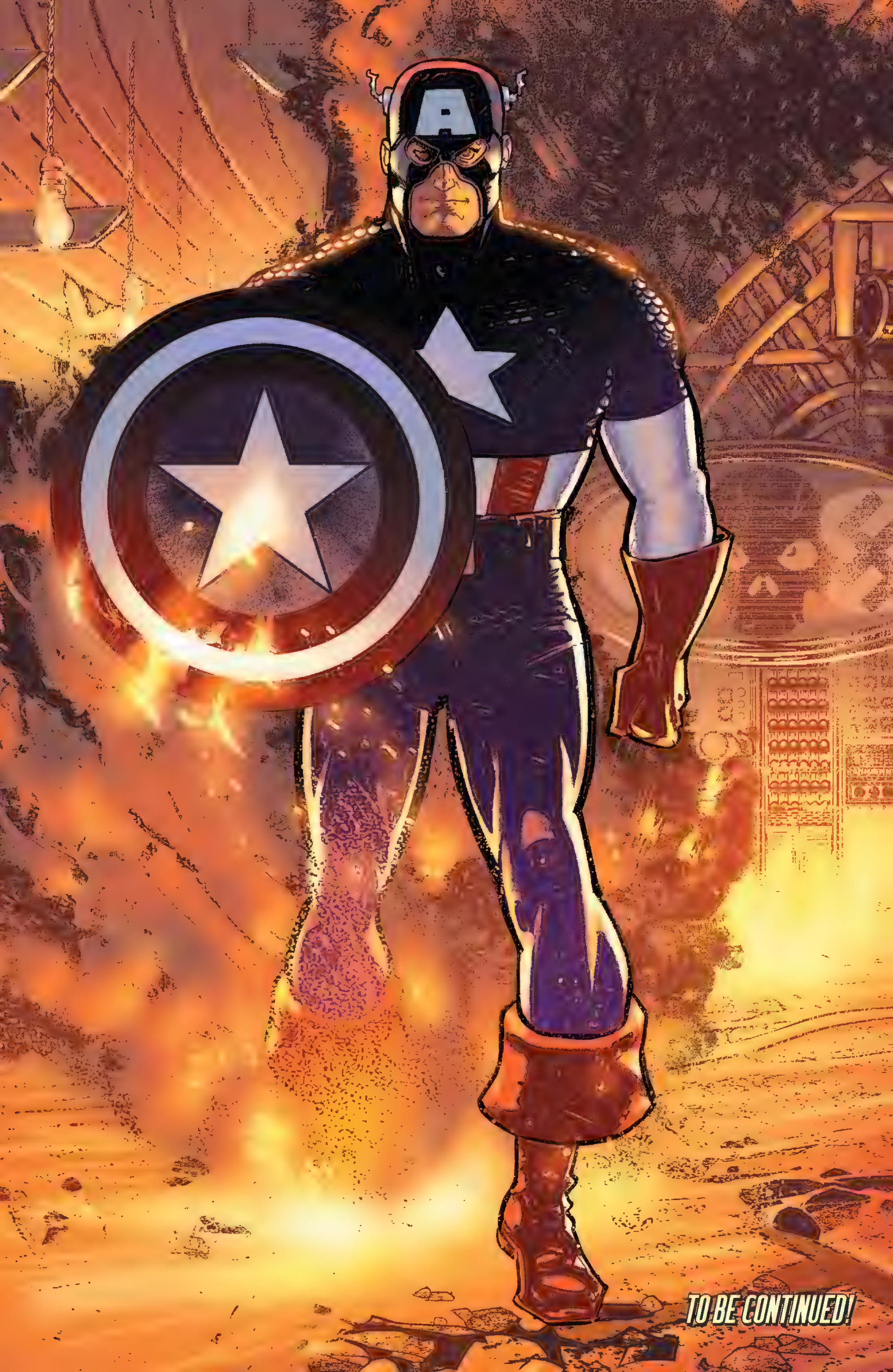



AVENGERS TOWER, NEW YORK CITY. TODAY
TELL IT AGAIN, MISS HAND.
I'M SORRY TO BRING THIS TO YOU LIKE THIS, COMMANDER ROGERS.
JUST TELL IT LIKE YOU TOLD IT TO ME, VICTORIA.
SPEAK FREELY.
AS YOU KNOW, I WAS NORMAN OSBORN'S RIGHT-HAND MAN WHEN HE CREATED H.A.M.M.E.R.
H.A.M.M.E.R., OF COURSE, WAS POPULATED BY DISGRUNTLED AND EXTREME-THINKING S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENTS, PLUS EX-HYDRA AND A.I.M.
JUST BECAUSE NORMAN OSBORN WAS PUT DOWN AND JAILED DOESN'T MEAN THAT A GOOD NUMBER OF HIS BELIEVERS STOPPED BELIEVING IN THE DREAM.
WHAT DREAM?
THAT'S NOT THE POINT, HAWKEYE...
I WARNED COMMANDER ROGERS THAT H.A.M.M.E.R. WOULD RISE AGAIN.
AND IT HAS STARTED.
I WAS INVITED, THROUGH BACK CHANNELS, TO JOIN UP WITH THE NEW H.A.M.M.E.R.
THEY WERE SETTING UP SHOP IN RHODE ISLAND AND, IF I WANTED IN, THEY WOULD LOVE TO HAVE ME.
I SENT THE AVENGERS TO TAKE CARE OF IT.
TO KNOCK IT DOWN BEFORE IT GOT UP.
GREAT, OKAY...
THE MISSION WAS ONLY HALF-SUCCESSFUL.
THE LEADER, SUPERIA, GOT AWAY.
AND THERE WAS A CASUALTY.
WHO?
MOCKINGBIRD.


JESSICA DREW IS READY TO TRANSPORT YOU TO THE HOSPITAL.
GO.
UGH.
THAT WAS HARD.
PART OF THE JOB.
YOU SEE MY PROBLEMS NOW.
YES.
AND SOME OF THE AVENGERS WILL THINK I SENT THEM INTO THE LION'S DEN.
ONLY WOLVERINE WILL THINK THAT.
H.A.M.M.E.R. WILL KNOW IT WAS YOU WHO PUT THE AVENGERS ONTO THEM.
NO.
MOST OF THEM WILL.
IF MOCKINGBIRD DIES, THEY'LL NEED TO BLAME SOMEONE.
IT'LL BE ME.


SOMEONE TELL ME WHERE I CAN FIND A CRYIN' RED SKULL.
HELSINGBORG CASTLE, 1959
BUUDDAABUUDDAAA BUUDDAABUUDDAAA
WHERE'S THE RED SKULL?
I--I--
RED SKULL?
AIIE!
WHERE?!
BOOM
RED SKULL...YOU'RE UNDER--


MISSED HIM!
WE SHOULD FAN OUT AND TRY TO STOP HIS ESCAPE.
TRY TO SALVAGE WHAT WE HAVE HERE.
EVERYTHING WE NEED TO KNOW IS RIGHT-- AGH!!
UM, I'D LIKE TO LEAVE.
I CAN'T BE IN HERE!
WITHOUT MOISTURE, I'LL--
OKAY, OKAY. BLOODSTONE, LEAD THE WAY...
HE'S GONNA TRY TO ESCAPE BY BOAT, WE NEED TO...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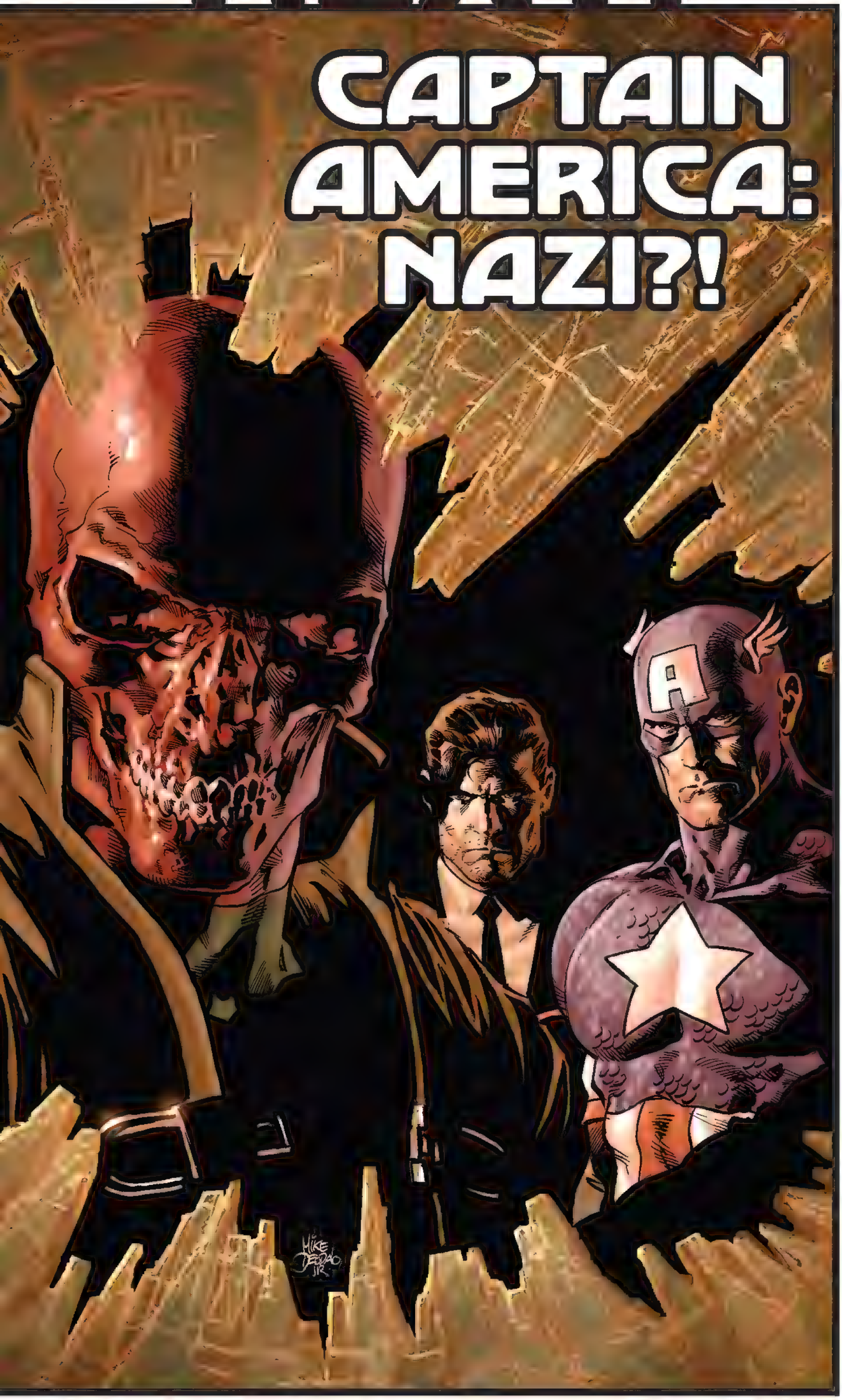
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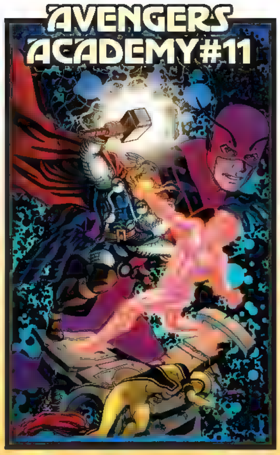
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EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES, UNITED AGAINST A COMMON THREAT! ON THAT DAY THE AVENGERS WERE BORN, TO FIGHT FOES THAT NO SINGLE HERO COULD WITHSTAND!

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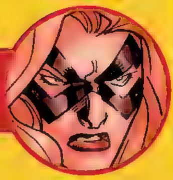
LUKE CAGE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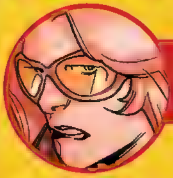
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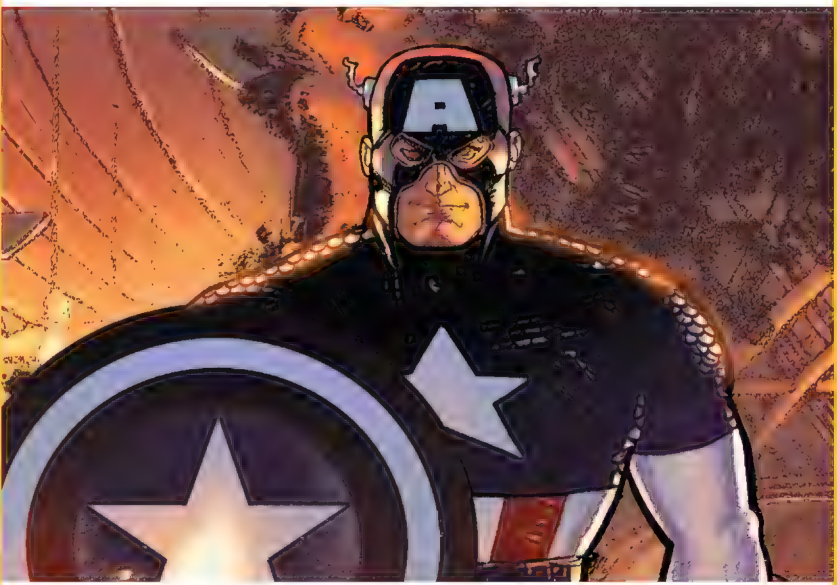
VICTORIA HAND

SQUIRREL GIRL



AVENGERS COMMANDER STEVE ROGERS HAS GIVEN LUKE CAGE, JESSICA JONES, MS. MARVEL, MOCKINGBIRD, SPIDER-MAN, WOLVERINE, IRON FIST, DOCTOR STRANGE AND THE THING THE KEYS TO AVENGERS MANSION, A LIAISON IN THE CONTROVERSIAL FORM OF VICTORIA HAND, AND FREE REIN TO PROTECT THE WORLD ANY WAY THEY SEE FIT.

IN THE LATE NINETEEN-FIFTIES: NICK FURY IS SPENDING HIS TIME HUNTING DOWN NAZI WAR CRIMINALS WHEN THE PRESIDENT ASKS HIM TO PUT TOGETHER AN AVENGERS INITIATIVE FOR A SPECIAL SECRET MISSION. THE TEAM CONSISTS OF HIS PARTNER DUM DUM DUGAN; VICTOR CREED, A.K.A. SABRETOOTH; NAMORA, AN ATLANTEAN PRINCESS; SERGEI KRAVINOFF, A.K.A. KRAVEN THE HUNTER; ULYSSES BLOODSTONE, MYSTICALLY ENHANCED MONSTER HUNTER; DOMINIC FORTUNE, SUPER-SOLDIER-FOR-HIRE; AND ERNST SABLINOVA, A.K.A. THE SILVER SABLE. HAVING TRACKED THE RED SKULL TO SWEDEN, THE AVENGERS ARE SHOCKED TO FIND THE SKULL'S NEWEST ALLY: CAPTAIN AMERICA?!

IN THE PRESENT: NORMAN OSBORN'S DEFUNCT ORGANIZATION H.A.M.M.E.R. IS SETTING UP SHOP AGAIN BUT THE NEW AVENGERS STOP THEM AND THEIR NEW LEADER SUPERIA BEFORE THEY EVEN GET STARTED. THE ENSUING BATTLE HAS ALREADY CLAIMED A VICTIM...MOCKINGBIRD IS DOWN.

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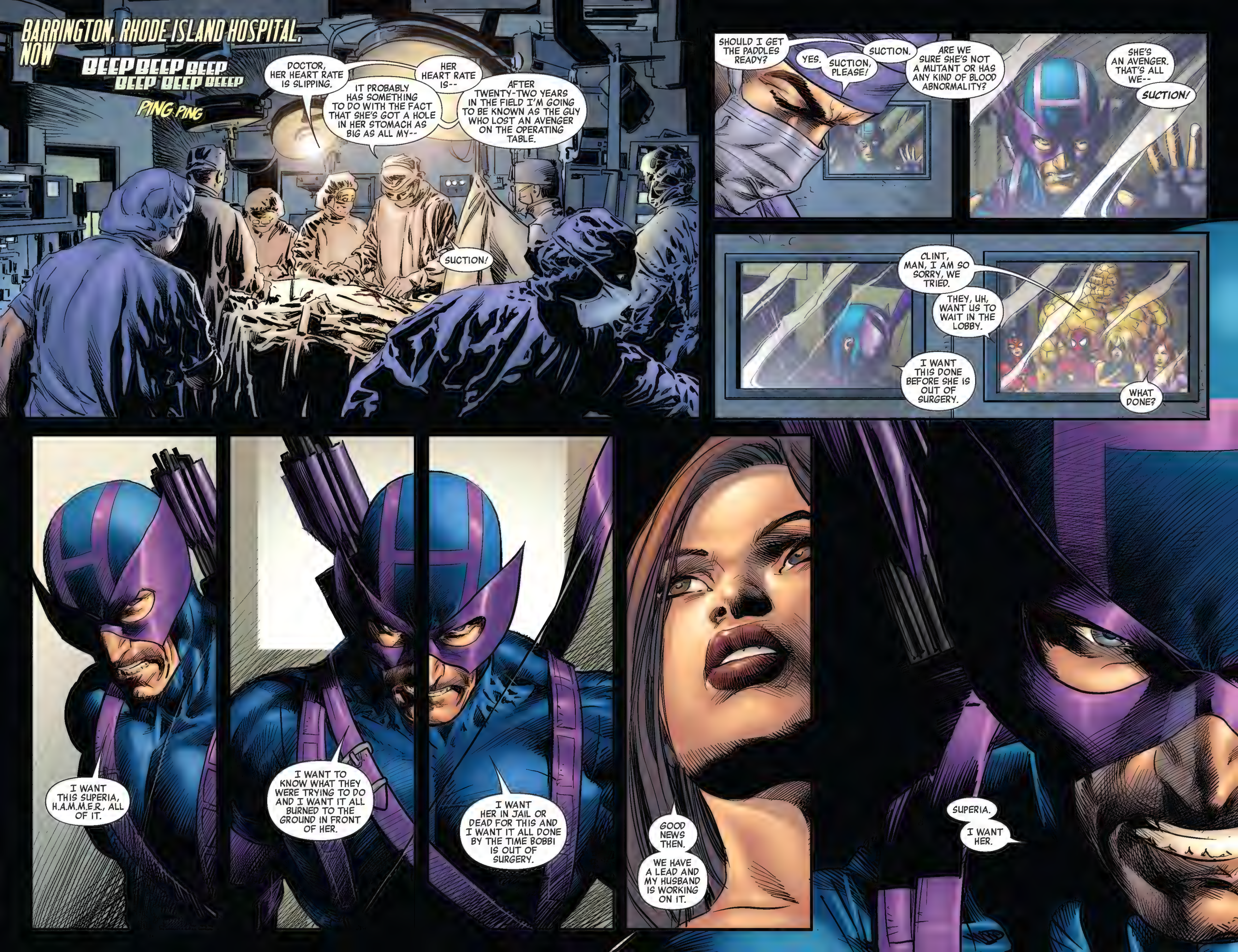
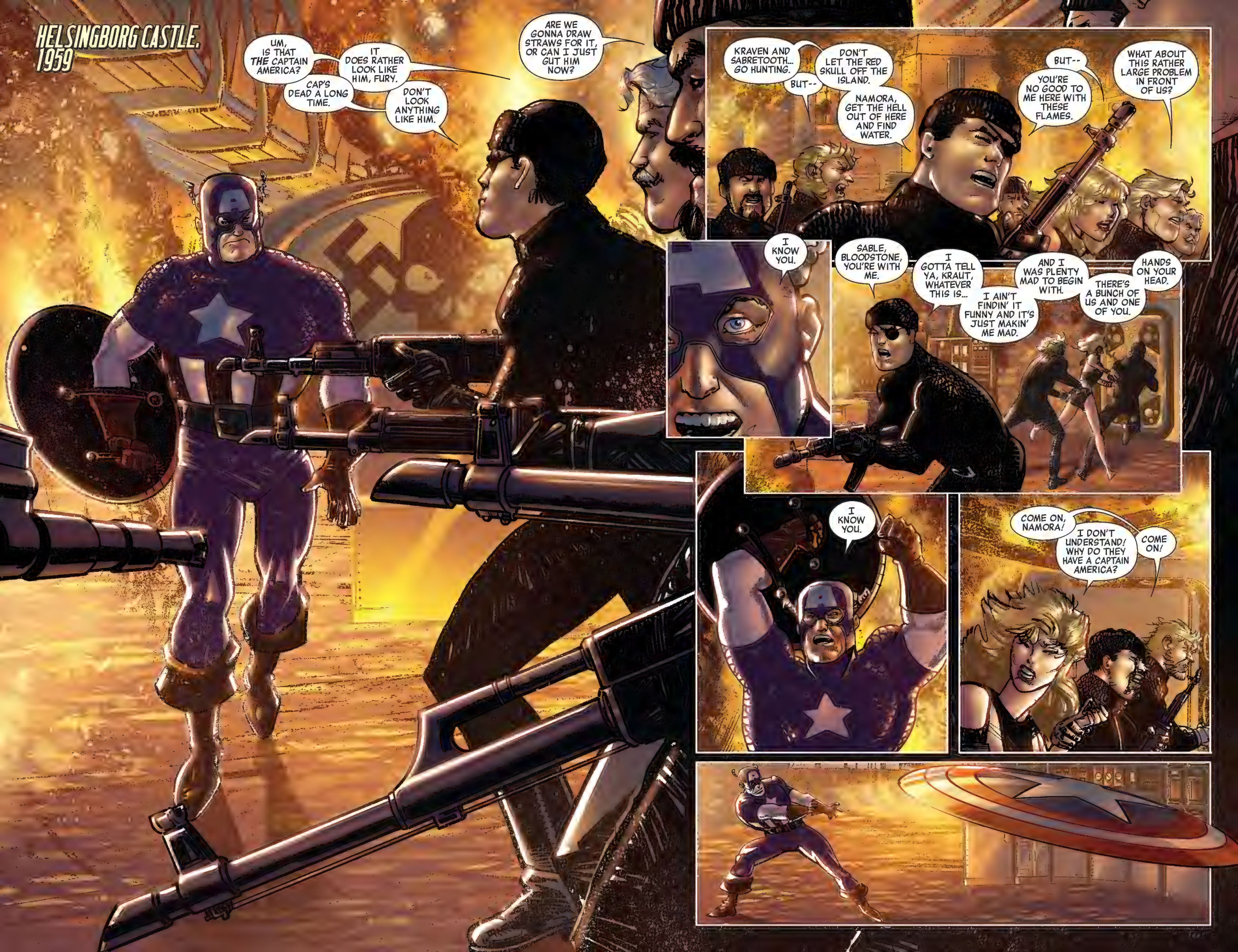
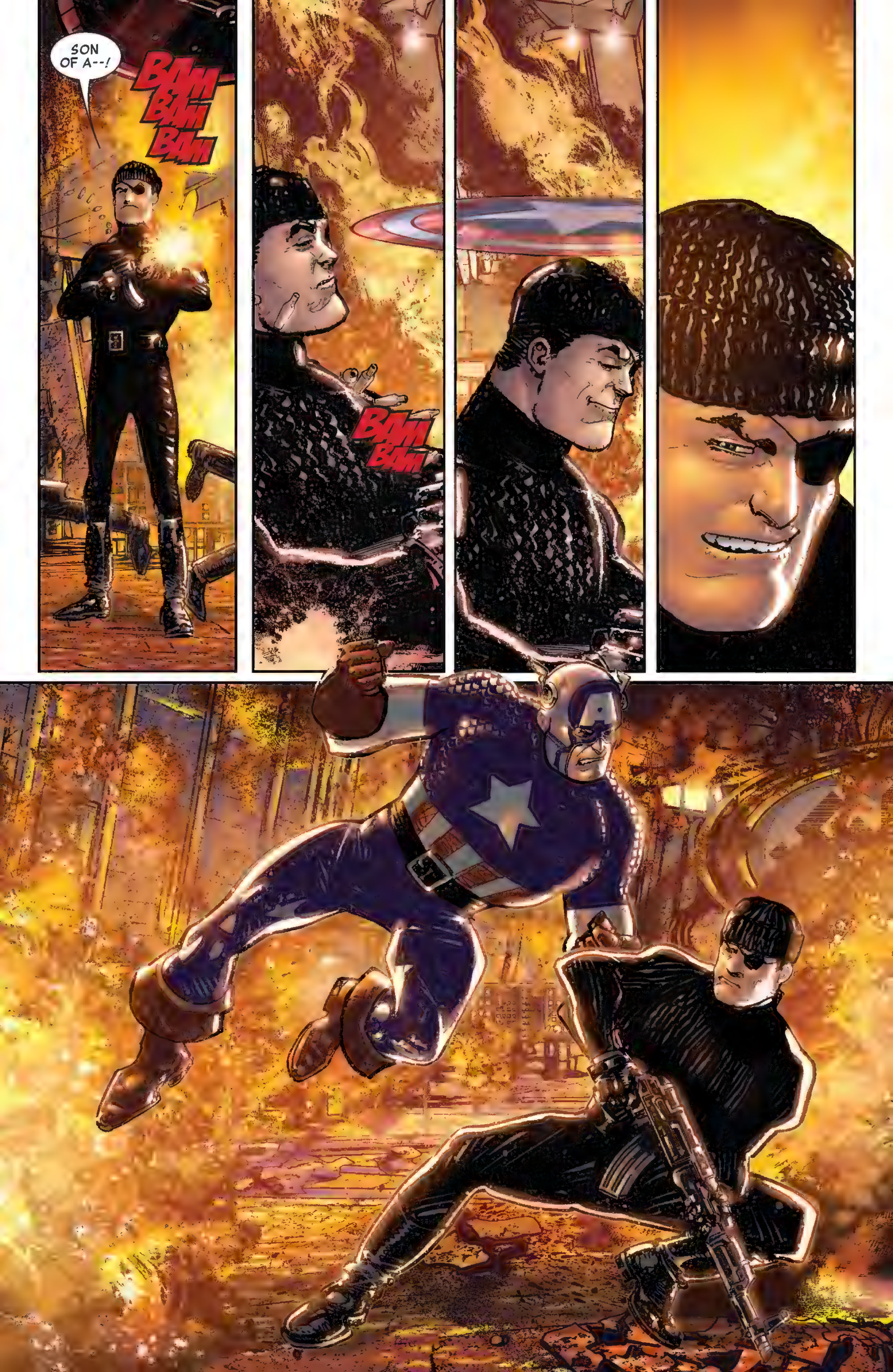
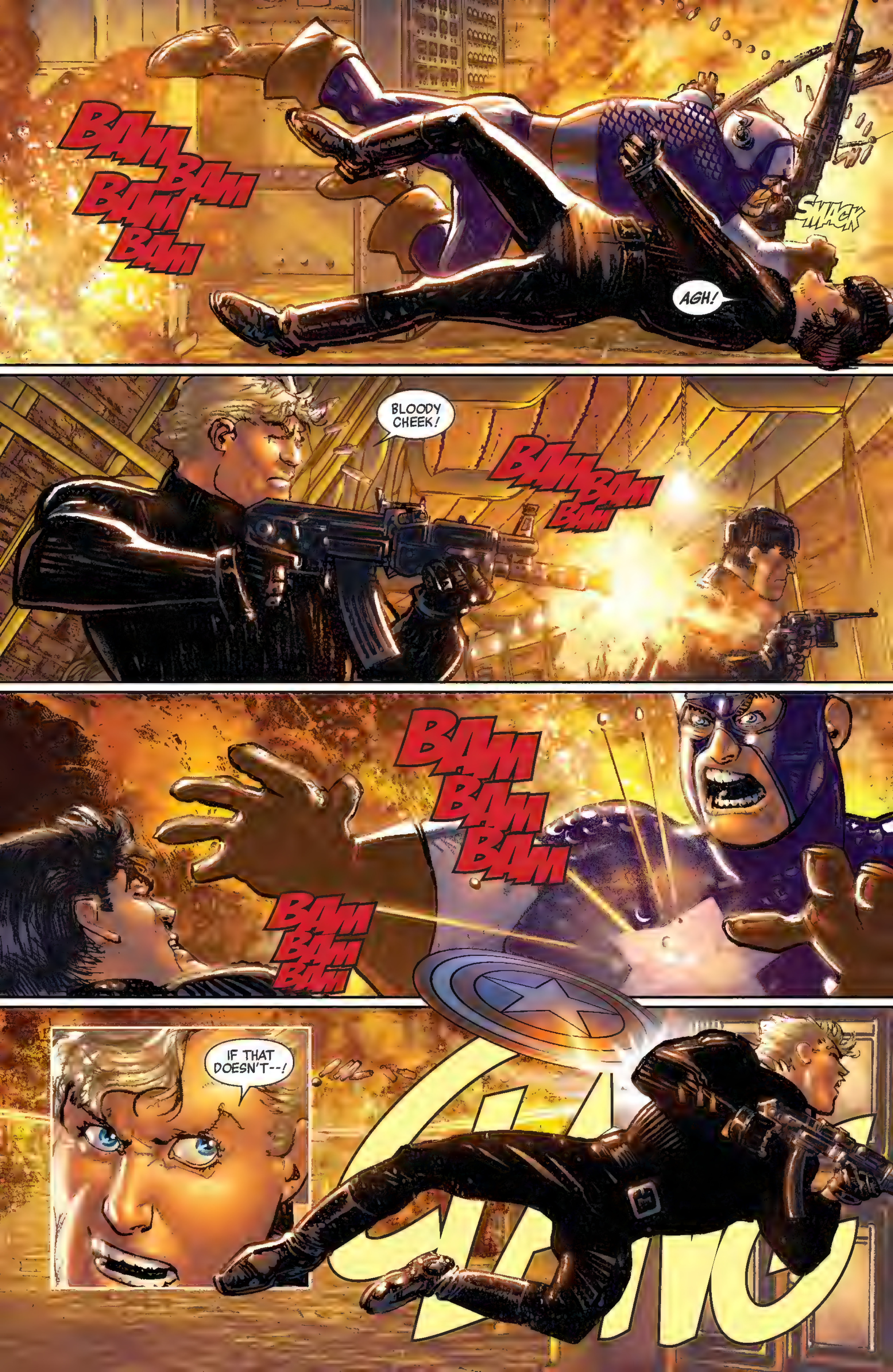
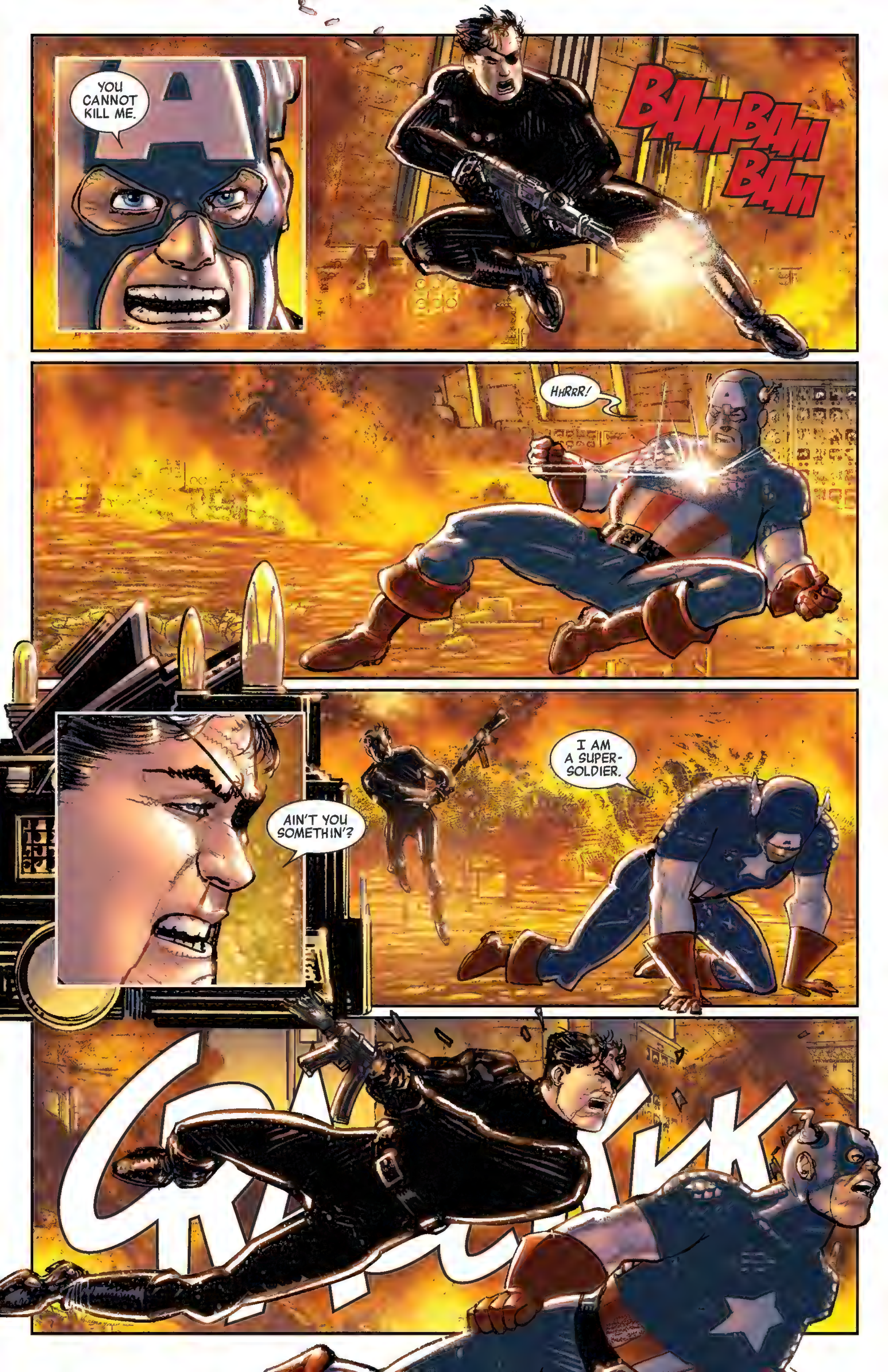
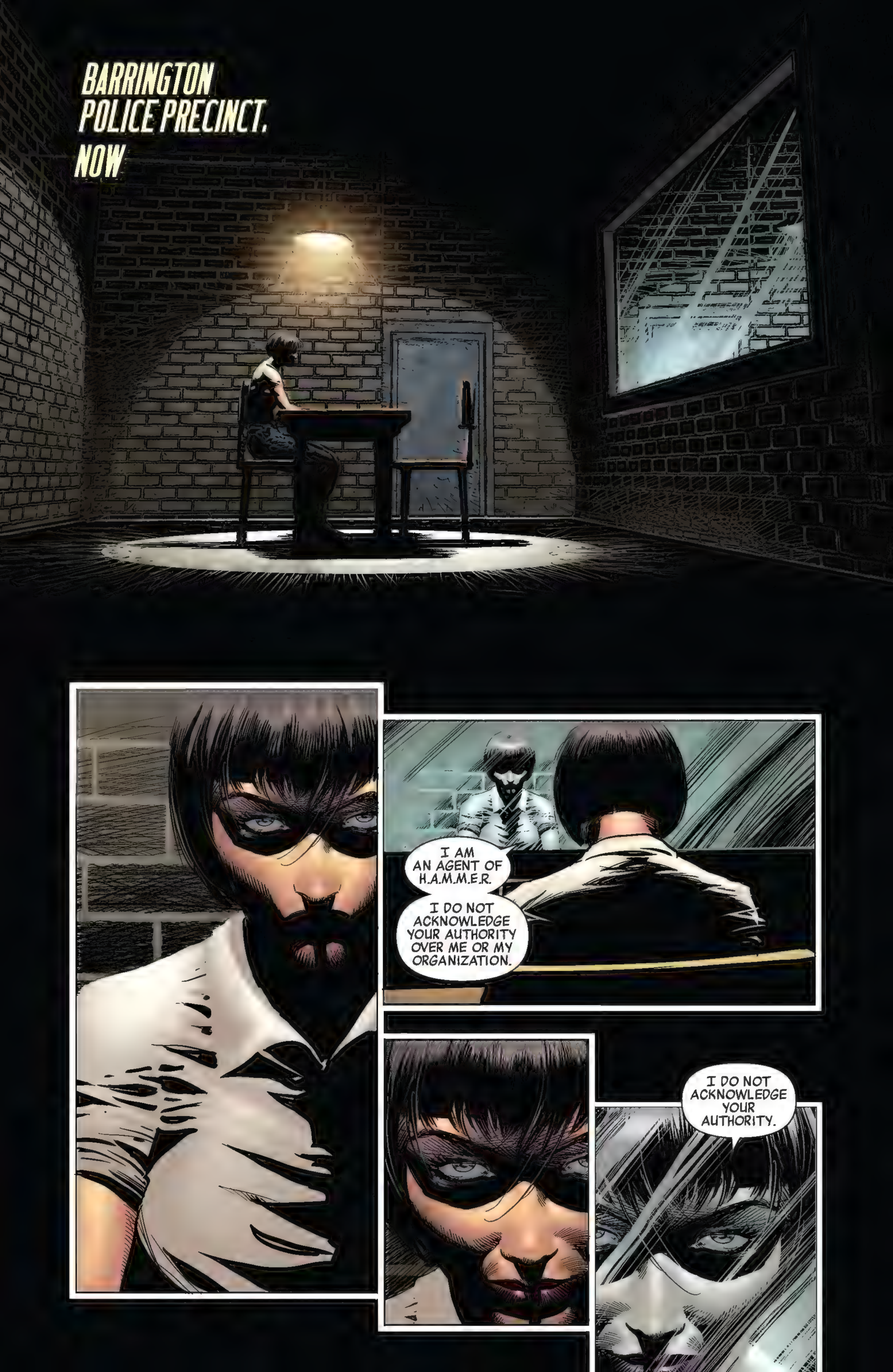

BARRINGTON, RHODE ISLAND HOSPITAL. NOW
BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP
PING PING
DOCTOR, HER HEART RATE IS SLIPPING.
HER HEART RATE IS--
IT PROBABLY HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE FACT THAT SHE'S GOT A HOLE IN HER STOMACH AS BIG AS ALL MY--
AFTER TWENTY-TWO YEARS IN THE FIELD I'M GOING TO BE KNOWN AS THE GUY WHO LOST AN AVENGER ON THE OPERATING TABLE.
SUCTION!
SHOULD I GET THE PADDLES READY?
YES.
SUCTION, PLEASE!
SUCTION.
ARE WE SURE SHE'S NOT A MUTANT OR HAS ANY KIND OF BLOOD ABNORMALITY?
SHE'S AN AVENGER. THAT'S ALL WE--
SUCTION!
CLINT, MAN, I AM SO SORRY, WE TRIED.
THEY, UH, WANT US TO WAIT IN THE LOBBY.
I WANT THIS DONE BEFORE SHE IS OUT OF SURGERY.
WHAT DONE?
I WANT THIS SUPERIA, H.A.M.M.E.R., ALL OF IT.
I WANT TO KNOW WHAT THEY WERE TRYING TO DO AND I WANT IT ALL BURNED TO THE GROUND IN FRONT OF HER.
I WANT HER IN JAIL OR DEAD FOR THIS AND I WANT IT ALL DONE BY THE TIME BOBBI IS OUT OF SURGERY.
GOOD NEWS THEN.
WE HAVE A LEAD AND MY HUSBAND IS WORKING ON IT.
SUPERIA.
I WANT HER.

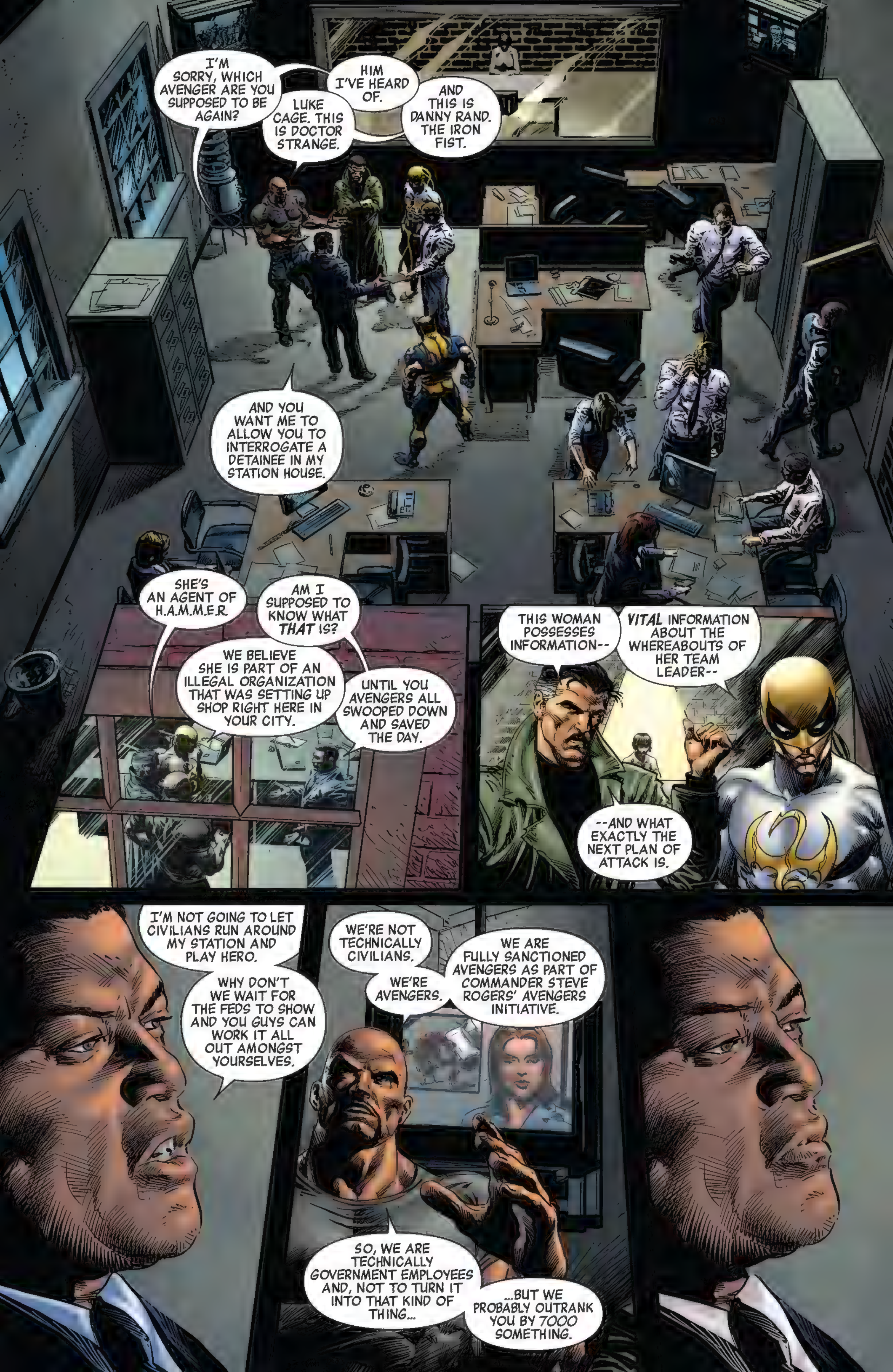

HELSINGBORG CASTLE. 1959
UM, IS THAT *THE* CAPTAIN AMERICA?
IT DOES RATHER LOOK LIKE HIM, FURY.
CAP'S DEAD A LONG TIME.
DON'T LOOK ANYTHING LIKE HIM.
ARE WE GONNA DRAW STRAWS FOR IT, OR CAN I JUST GUT HIM NOW?
KRAVEN AND SABRETOOTH... GO HUNTING.
BUT--
DON'T LET THE RED SKULL OFF THE ISLAND.
NAMORA, GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE AND FIND WATER.
BUT--
YOU'RE NO GOOD TO ME HERE WITH THESE FLAMES.
WHAT ABOUT THIS RATHER LARGE PROBLEM IN FRONT OF US?
I KNOW YOU.
SABLE, BLOODSTONE, YOU'RE WITH ME.
I GOTTA TELL YA, KRAUT, WHATEVER THIS IS...
I AIN'T FINDIN' IT FUNNY AND IT'S JUST MAKIN' ME MAD.
AND I WAS PLENTY MAD TO BEGIN WITH.
HANDS ON YOUR HEAD.
THERE'S A BUNCH OF US AND ONE OF YOU.
I KNOW YOU.
COME ON, NAMORA!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND! WHY DO THEY HAVE A CAPTAIN AMERICA?
COME ON!

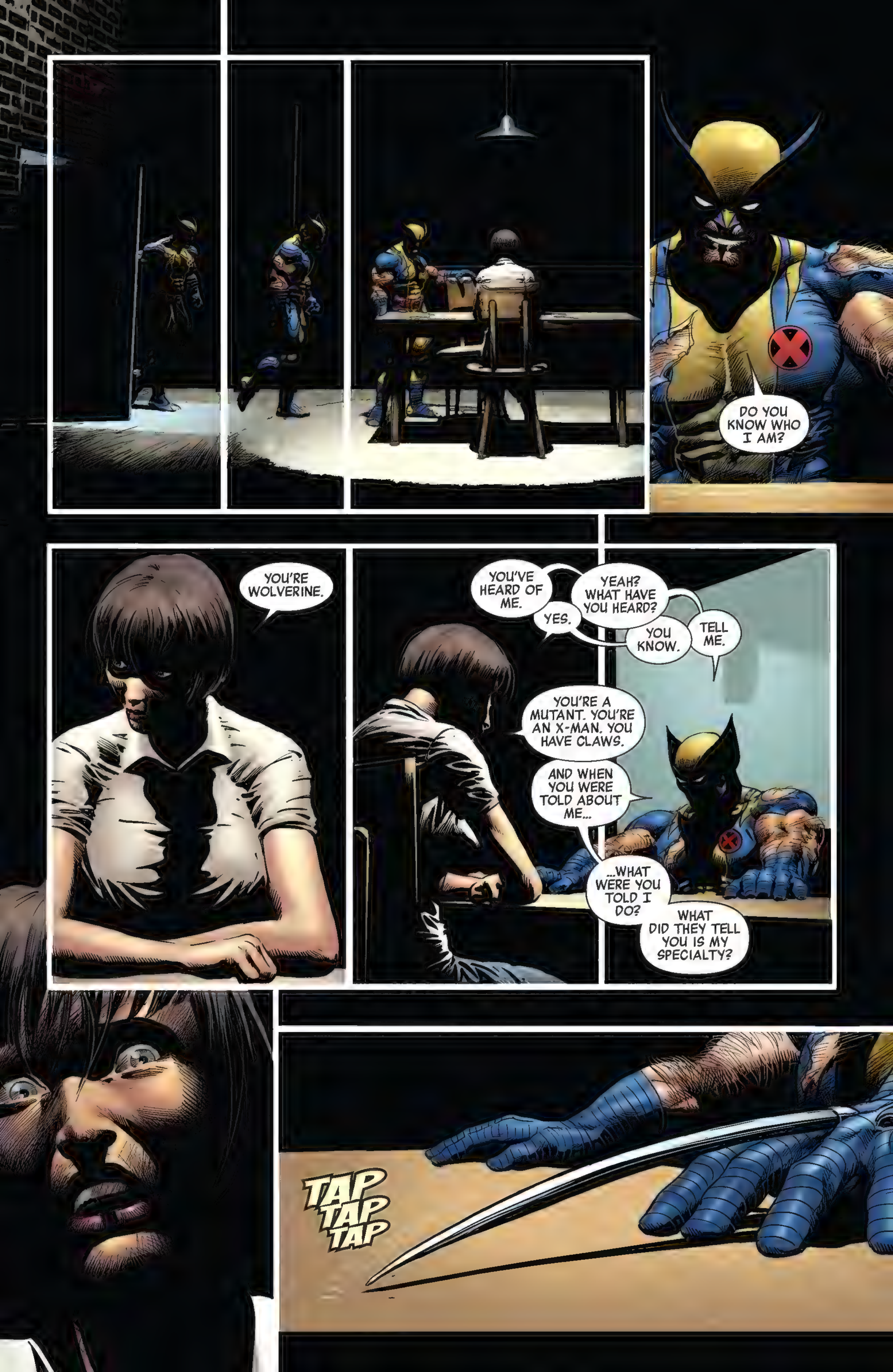

SON OF A--!
BAM BAM BAM
BAM BAM

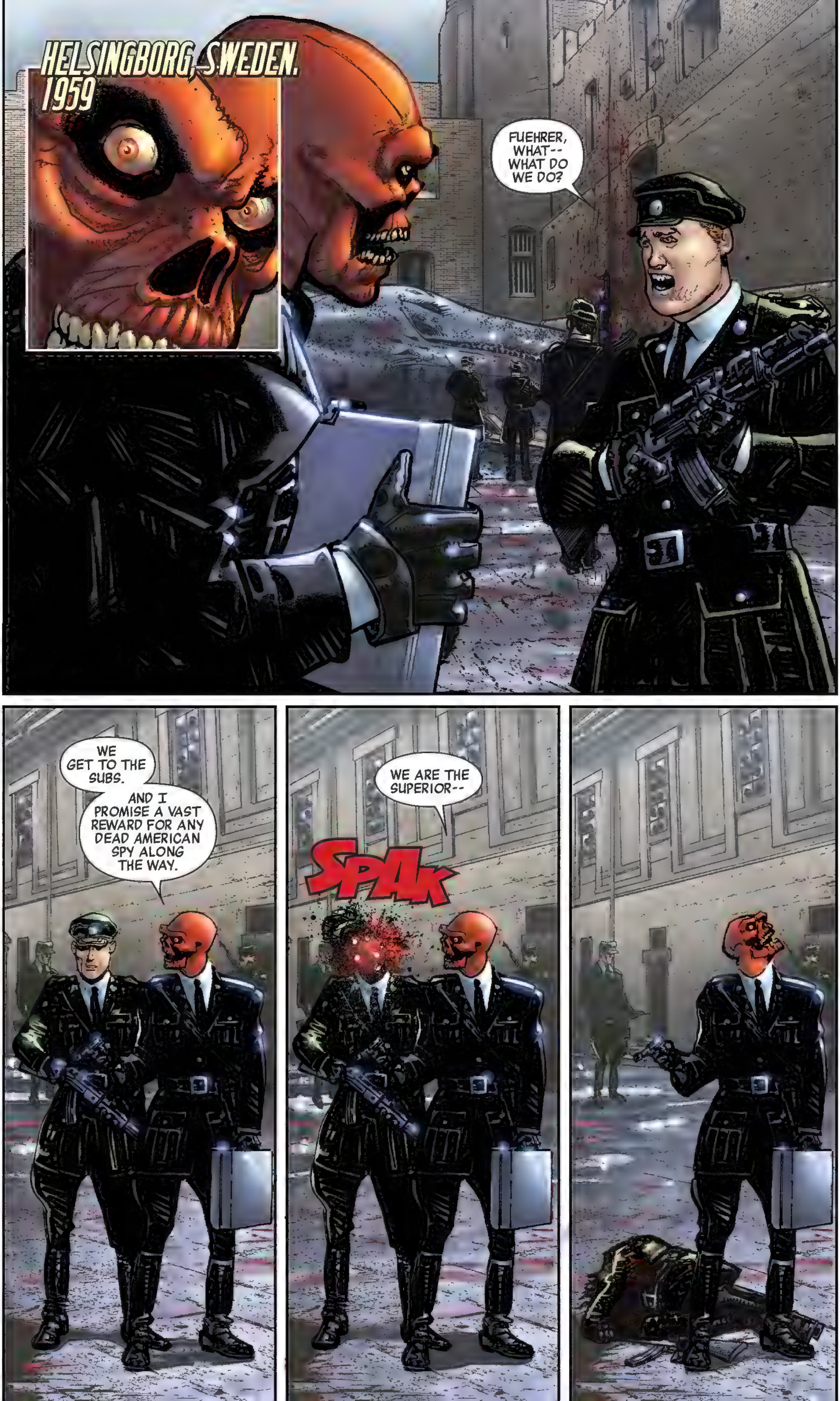

BAM BAM BAM BAM
SMACK
AGH!
BLOODY CHEEK!
BAM BAM BAM
BAM BAM BAM
BAM BAM BAM
IF THAT DOESN'T--!

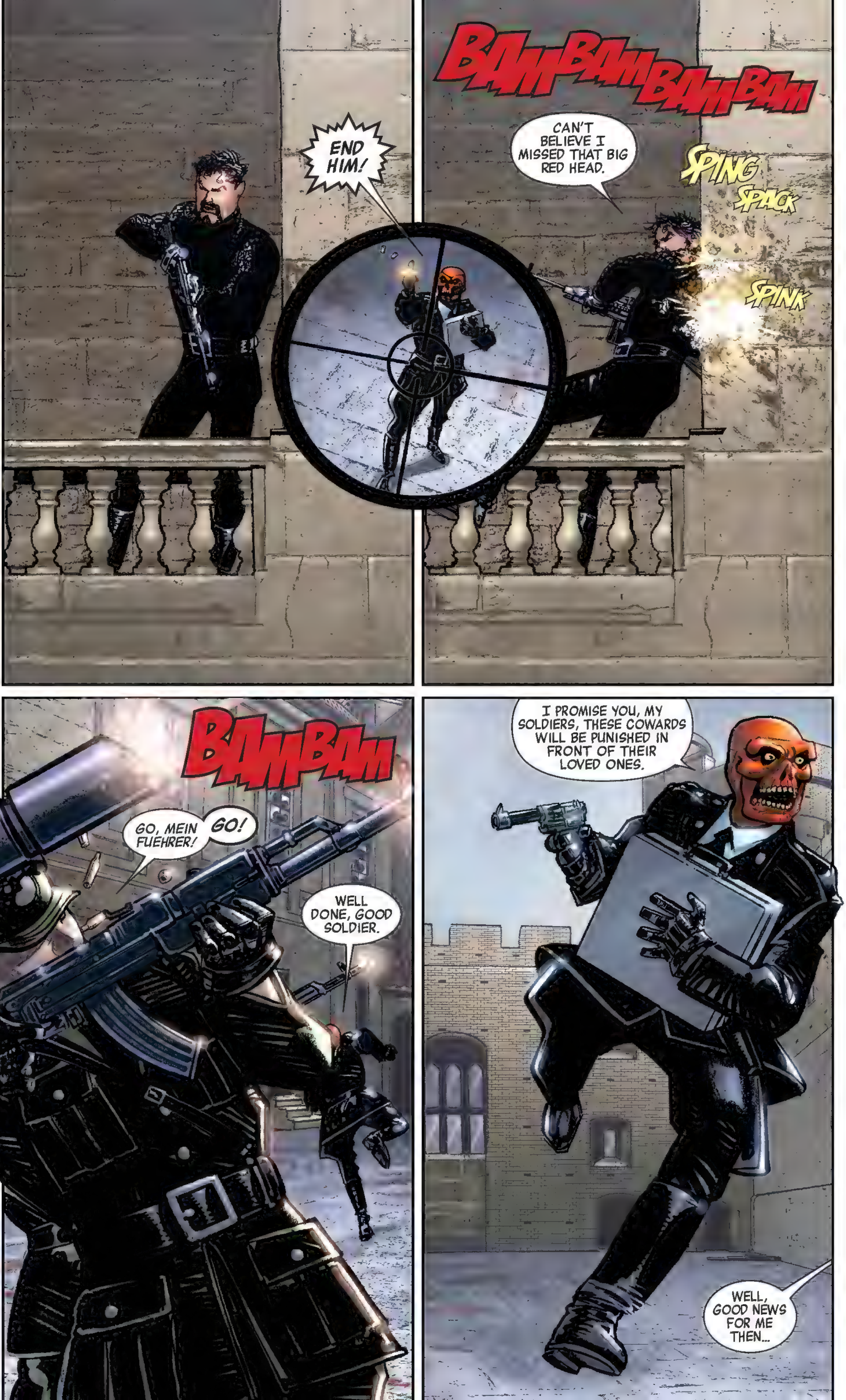

YOU CANNOT KILL ME.
BAMBAM BAM
HHRRR!
I AM A SUPER-SOLDIER.
AIN'T YOU SOMETHIN'?

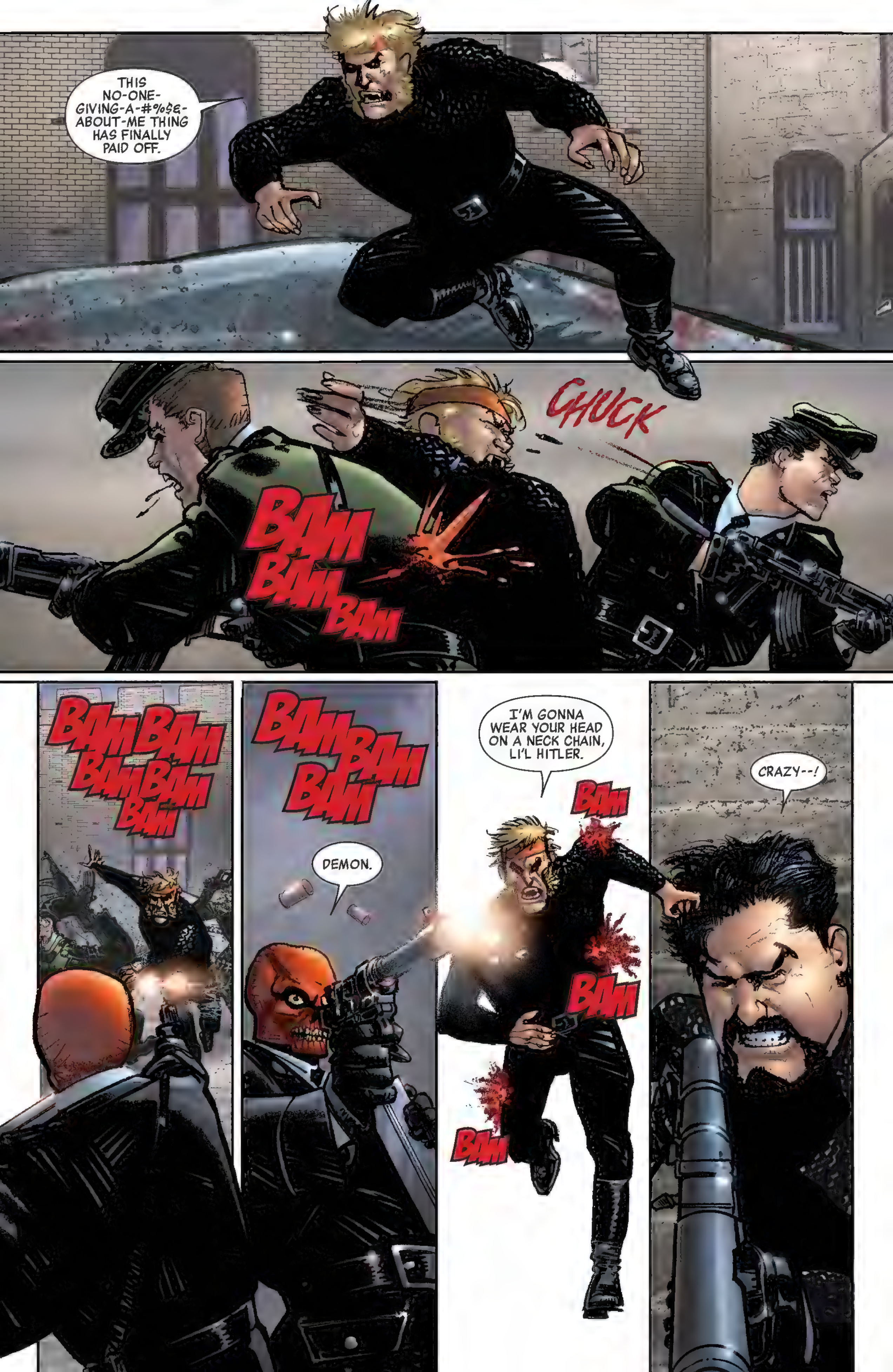

BARRINGTON POLICE PRECINCT. NOW
I AM AN AGENT OF H.A.M.M.E.R.
I DO NOT ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR AUTHORITY OVER ME OR MY ORGANIZATION.
I DO NOT ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR AUTHORITY.

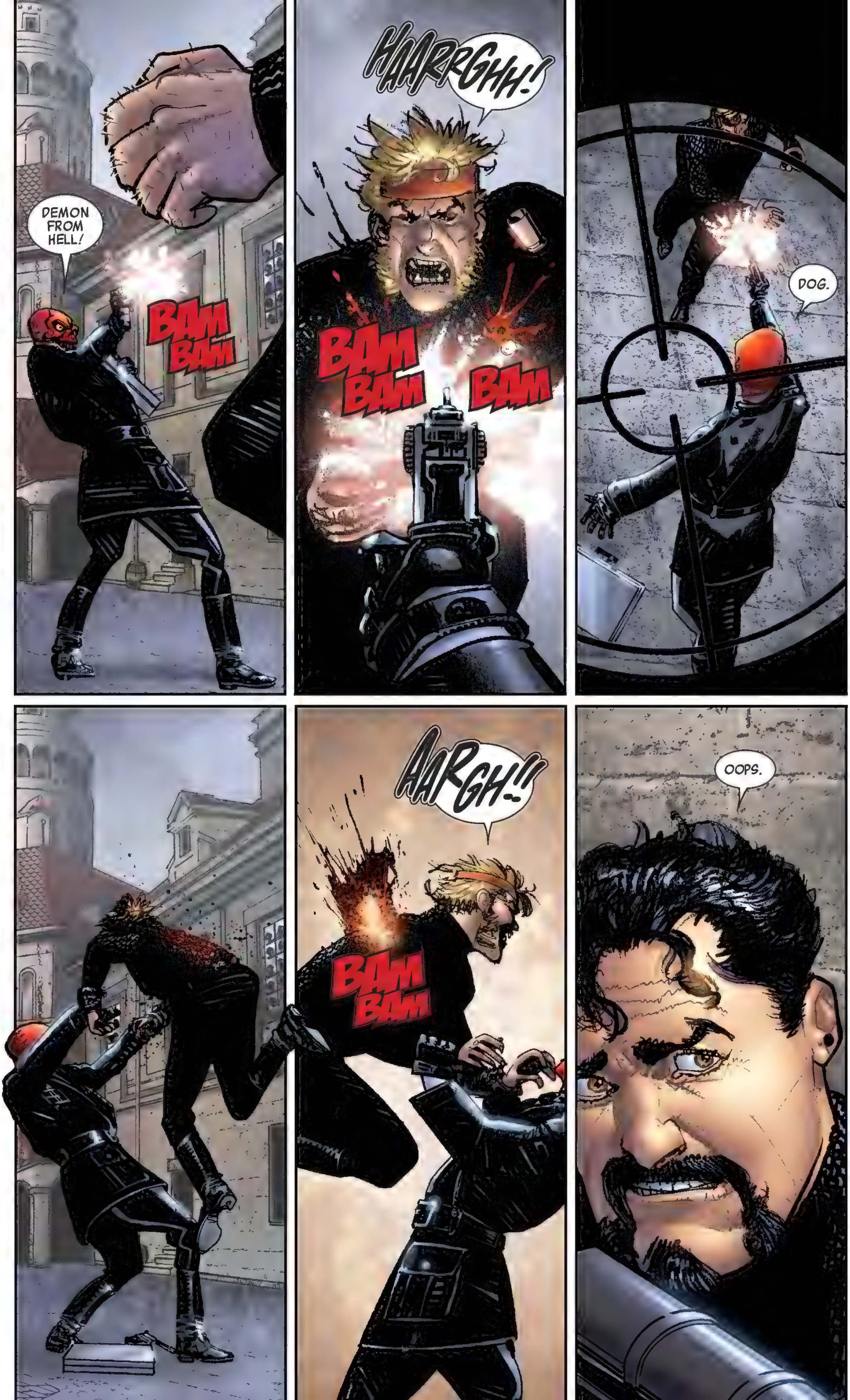

I'M SORRY, WHICH AVENGER ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO BE AGAIN?
LUKE CAGE. THIS IS DOCTOR STRANGE.
HIM I'VE HEARD OF.
AND THIS IS DANNY RAND. THE IRON FIST.
AND YOU WANT ME TO ALLOW YOU TO INTERROGATE A DETAINEE IN MY STATION HOUSE.
SHE'S AN AGENT OF H.A.M.M.E.R.
AM I SUPPOSED TO KNOW WHAT *THAT* IS?
WE BELIEVE SHE IS PART OF AN ILLEGAL ORGANIZATION THAT WAS SETTING UP SHOP RIGHT HERE IN YOUR CITY.
UNTIL YOU AVENGERS ALL SWOOPED DOWN AND SAVED THE DAY.
THIS WOMAN POSSESSES INFORMATION--
VITAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE WHEREABOUTS OF HER TEAM LEADER--
--AND WHAT EXACTLY THE NEXT PLAN OF ATTACK IS.
I'M NOT GOING TO LET CIVILIANS RUN AROUND MY STATION AND PLAY HERO.
WHY DON'T WE WAIT FOR THE FEDS TO SHOW AND YOU GUYS CAN WORK IT ALL OUT AMONGST YOURSELVES.
WE'RE NOT TECHNICALLY CIVILIANS.
WE'RE AVENGERS.
WE ARE FULLY SANCTIONED AVENGERS AS PART OF COMMANDER STEVE ROGERS' AVENGERS INITIATIVE.
SO, WE ARE TECHNICALLY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND, NOT TO TURN IT INTO THAT KIND OF THING...
...BUT WE PROBABLY OUTRANK YOU BY *7000* SOMETHING.

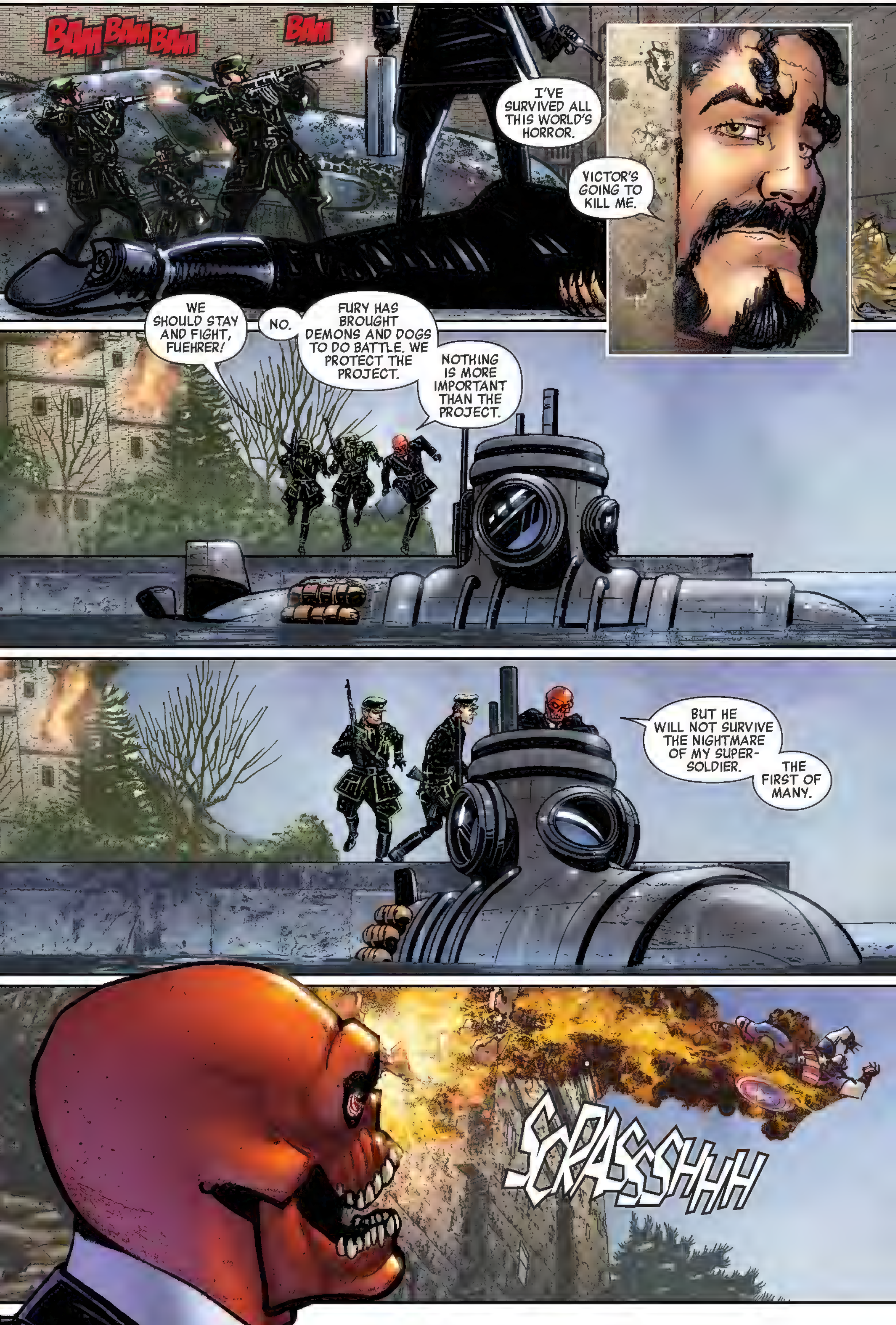

DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?
YOU'RE WOLVERINE.
YOU'VE HEARD OF ME.
YES.
YEAH? WHAT HAVE YOU HEARD?
YOU KNOW.
TELL ME.
YOU'RE A MUTANT. YOU'RE AN X-MAN. YOU HAVE CLAWS.
AND WHEN YOU WERE TOLD ABOUT ME...
...WHAT WERE YOU TOLD I DO?
WHAT DID THEY TELL YOU IS MY SPECIALTY?
TAP TAP TAP

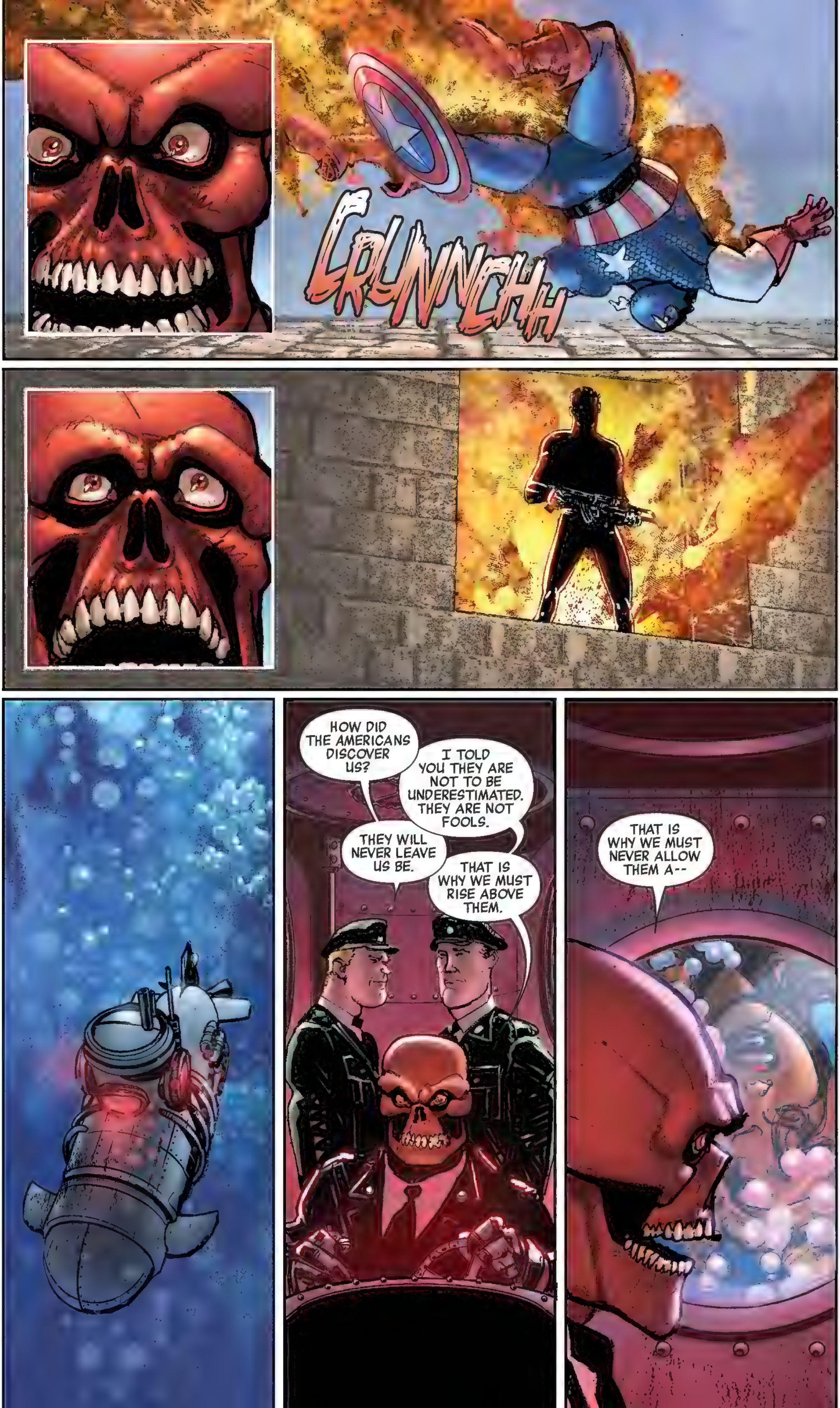

HELSINGBORG, SWEDEN. 1959
FUEHRER, WHAT-- WHAT DO WE DO?
WE GET TO THE SUBS.
AND I PROMISE A VAST REWARD FOR ANY DEAD AMERICAN SPY ALONG THE WAY.
WE ARE THE SUPERIOR--
SPAK

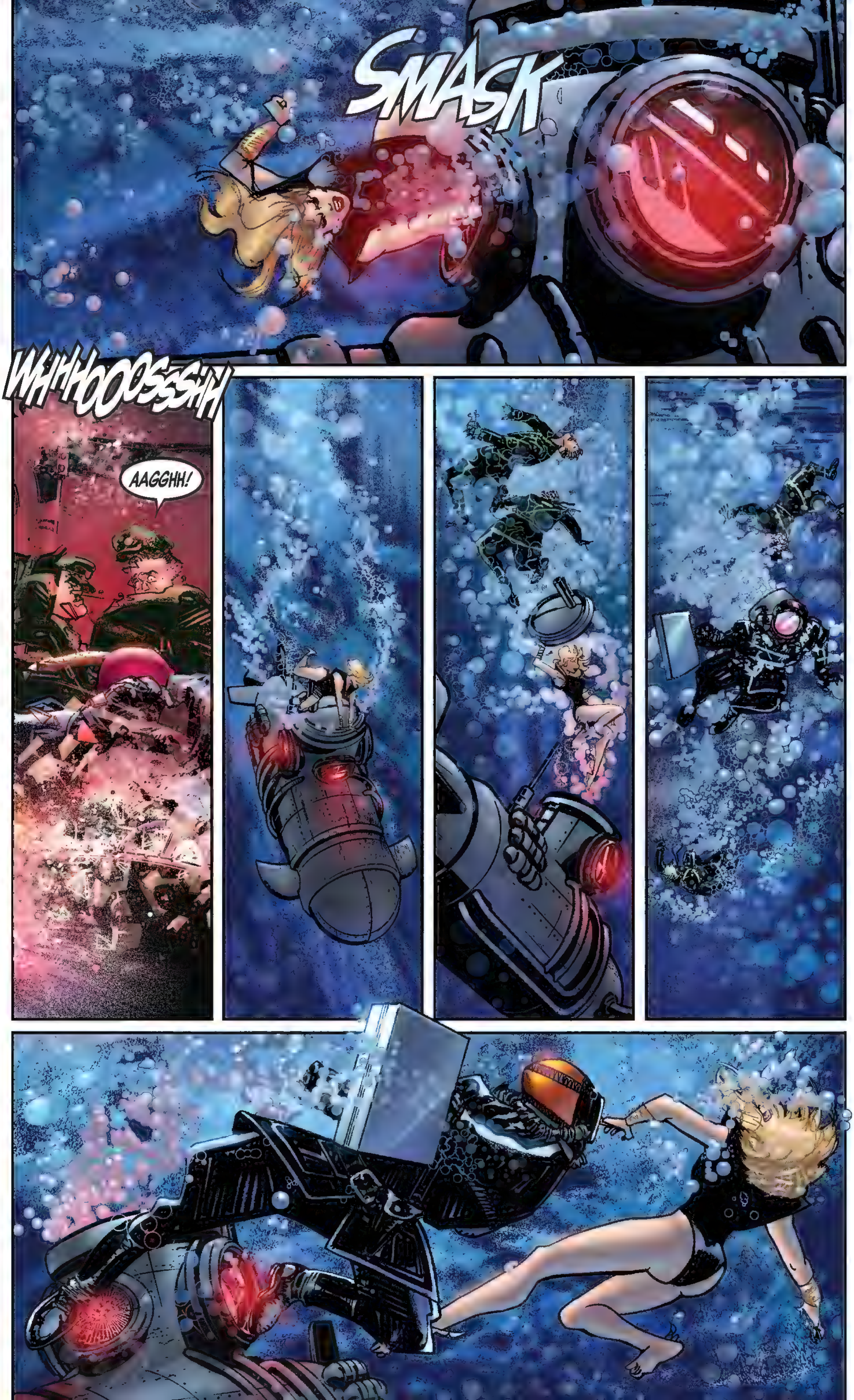

END HIM!
BAMBAMBAMBAM
CAN'T BELIEVE I MISSED THAT BIG RED HEAD.
SPING
SPACK
SPINK
BAMBAM
GO, MEIN FUEHRER!
GO!
WELL DONE, GOOD SOLDIER.
I PROMISE YOU, MY SOLDIERS, THESE COWARDS WILL BE PUNISHED IN FRONT OF THEIR LOVED ONES.
WELL, GOOD NEWS FOR ME THEN...

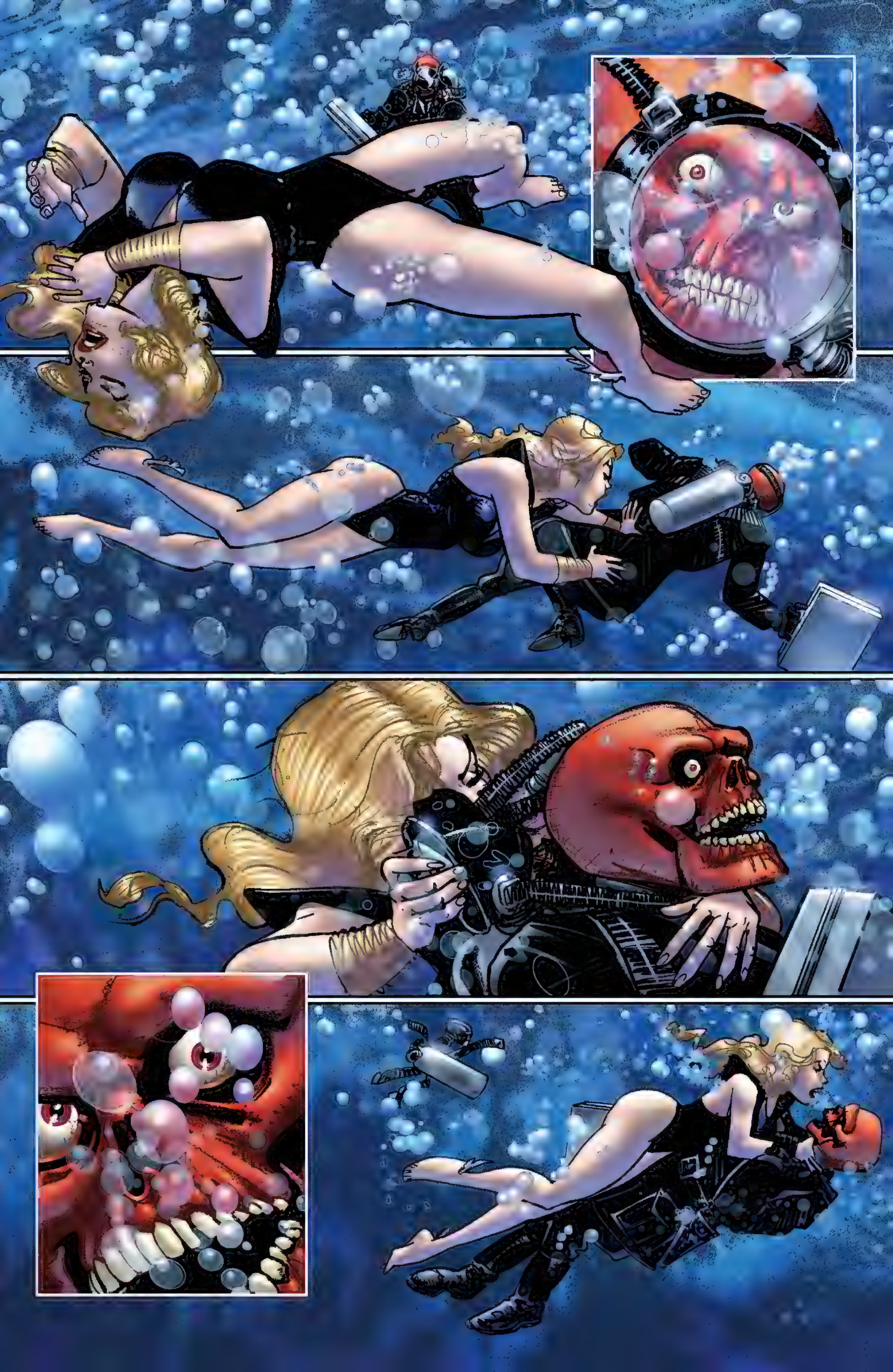

THIS NO-ONE-GIVING-A-#%$&-ABOUT-ME THING HAS FINALLY PAID OFF.
CHUCK
BAM BAM BAM
BAM BAM BAM BAM BAM
BAM BAM BAM
DEMON.
I'M GONNA WEAR YOUR HEAD ON A NECK CHAIN, LI'L HITLER.
BAM
BAM
BAM
CRAZY--!

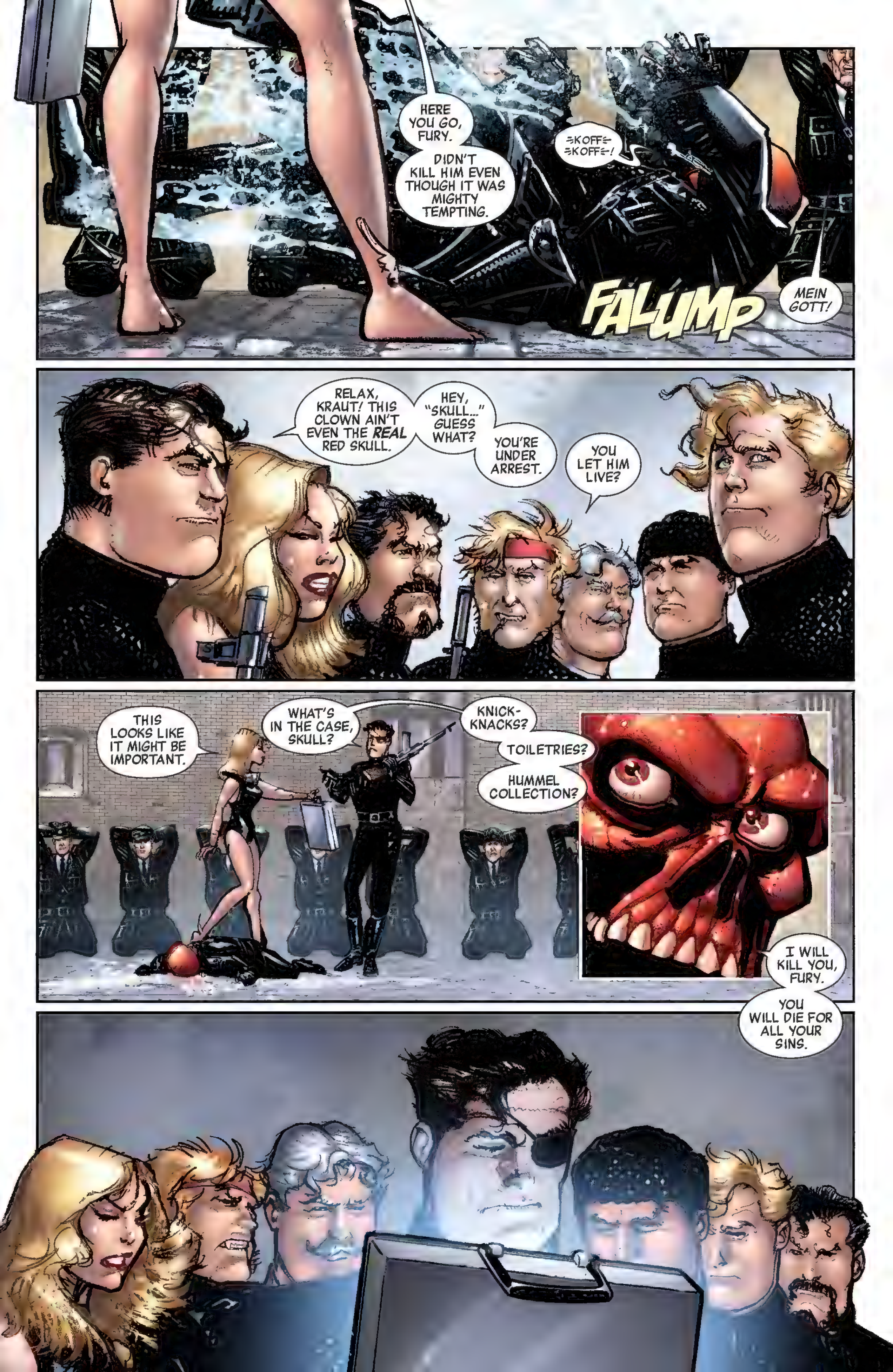

DEMON FROM HELL!
BAM BAM
HAARRGHH!
BAM BAM BAM
DOG.
AARGH!!
BAM BAM
OOPS.

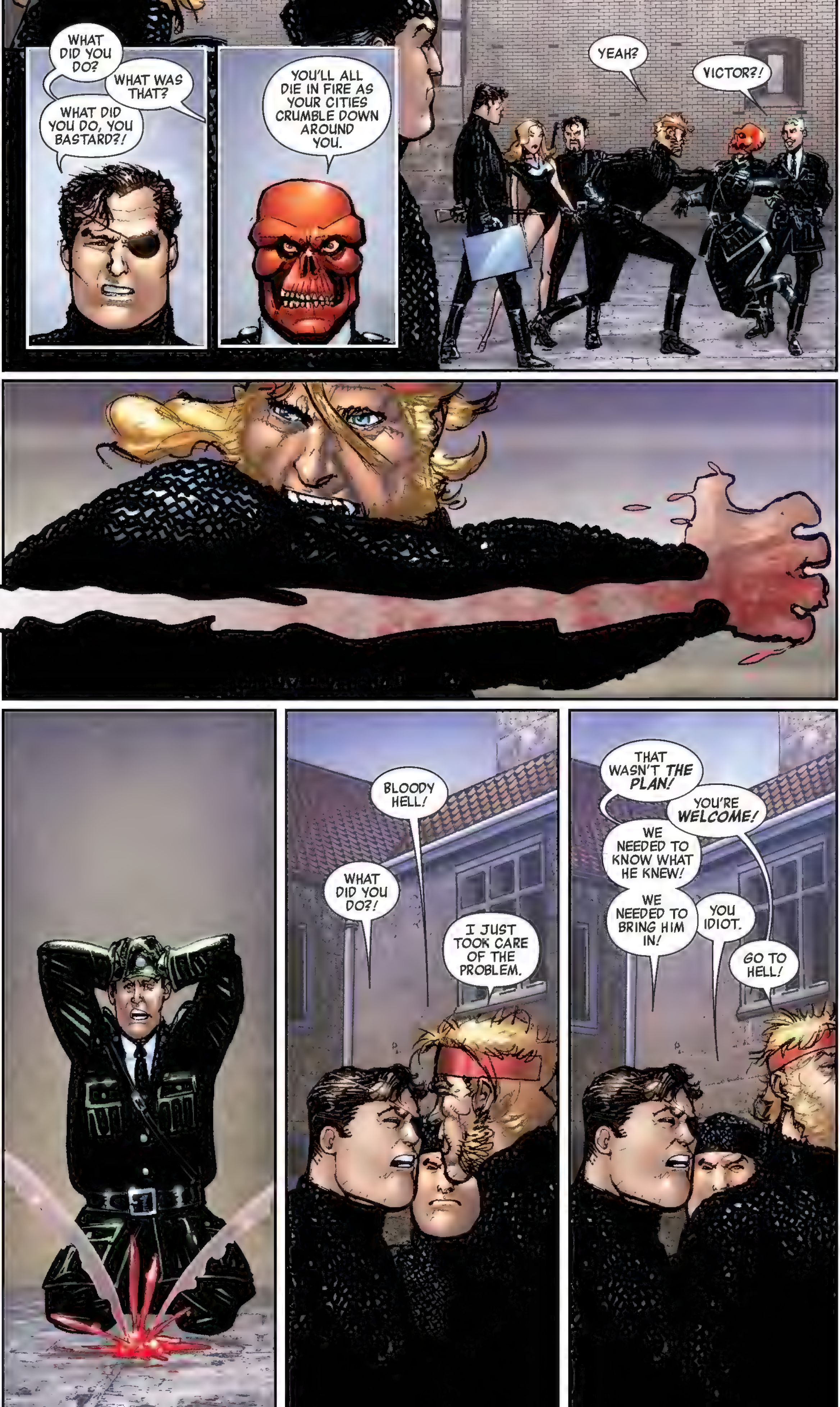

BAM BAM BAM
BAM
I'VE SURVIVED ALL THIS WORLD'S HORROR.
VICTOR'S GOING TO KILL ME.
WE SHOULD STAY AND FIGHT, FUEHRER!
NO.
FURY HAS BROUGHT DEMONS AND DOGS TO DO BATTLE. WE PROTECT THE PROJECT.
NOTHING IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE PROJECT.
BUT HE WILL NOT SURVIVE THE NIGHTMARE OF MY SUPER-SOLDIER.
THE FIRST OF MANY.
SCRASSHHH

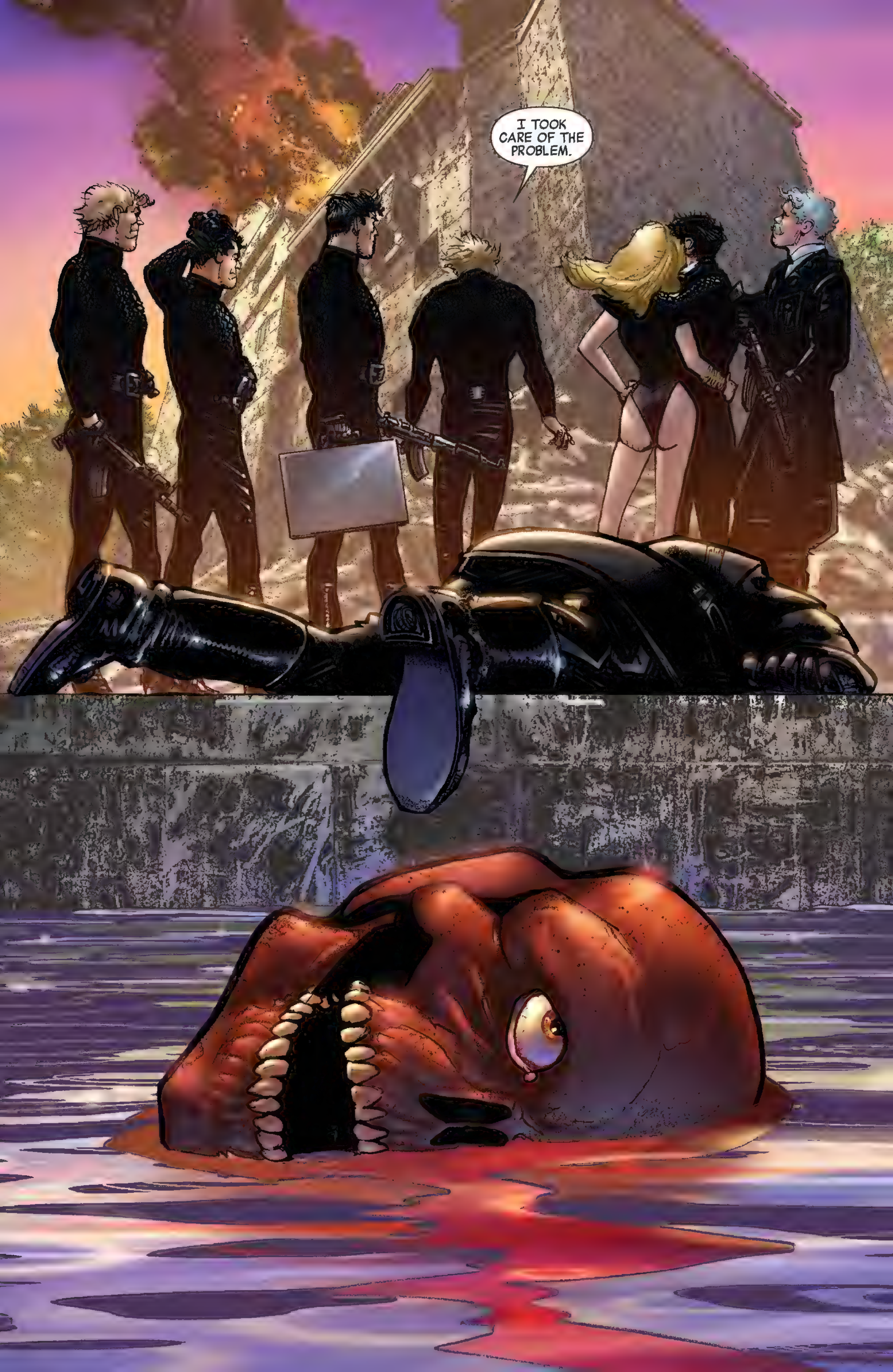

CRUNNCHH
HOW DID THE AMERICANS DISCOVER US?
I TOLD YOU THEY ARE NOT TO BE UNDERESTIMATED. THEY ARE NOT FOOLS.
THEY WILL NEVER LEAVE US BE.
THAT IS WHY WE MUST RISE ABOVE THEM.
THAT IS WHY WE MUST NEVER ALLOW THEM A--


SMASK
WHHOOOSSSHH
AAGGHH!




HERE YOU GO, FURY.
DIDN'T KILL HIM EVEN THOUGH IT WAS MIGHTY TEMPTING.
=KOFF= =KOFF=!
FALUMP
MEIN GOTT!
RELAX, KRAUT! THIS CLOWN AIN'T EVEN THE *REAL* RED SKULL.
HEY, "SKULL..." GUESS WHAT?
YOU'RE UNDER ARREST.
YOU LET HIM LIVE?
THIS LOOKS LIKE IT MIGHT BE IMPORTANT.
WHAT'S IN THE CASE, SKULL?
KNICK-KNACKS?
TOILETRIES?
HUMMEL COLLECTION?
I WILL KILL YOU, FURY.
YOU WILL DIE FOR ALL YOUR SINS.


WHAT DID YOU DO?
WHAT WAS THAT?
WHAT DID YOU DO, YOU BASTARD?!
YOU'LL ALL DIE IN FIRE AS YOUR CITIES CRUMBLE DOWN AROUND YOU.
YEAH?
VICTOR?!
BLOODY HELL!
WHAT DID YOU DO?!
I JUST TOOK CARE OF THE PROBLEM.
THAT WASN'T THE PLAN!
YOU'RE WELCOME!
WE NEEDED TO KNOW WHAT HE KNEW!
WE NEEDED TO BRING HIM IN!
YOU IDIOT.
GO TO HELL!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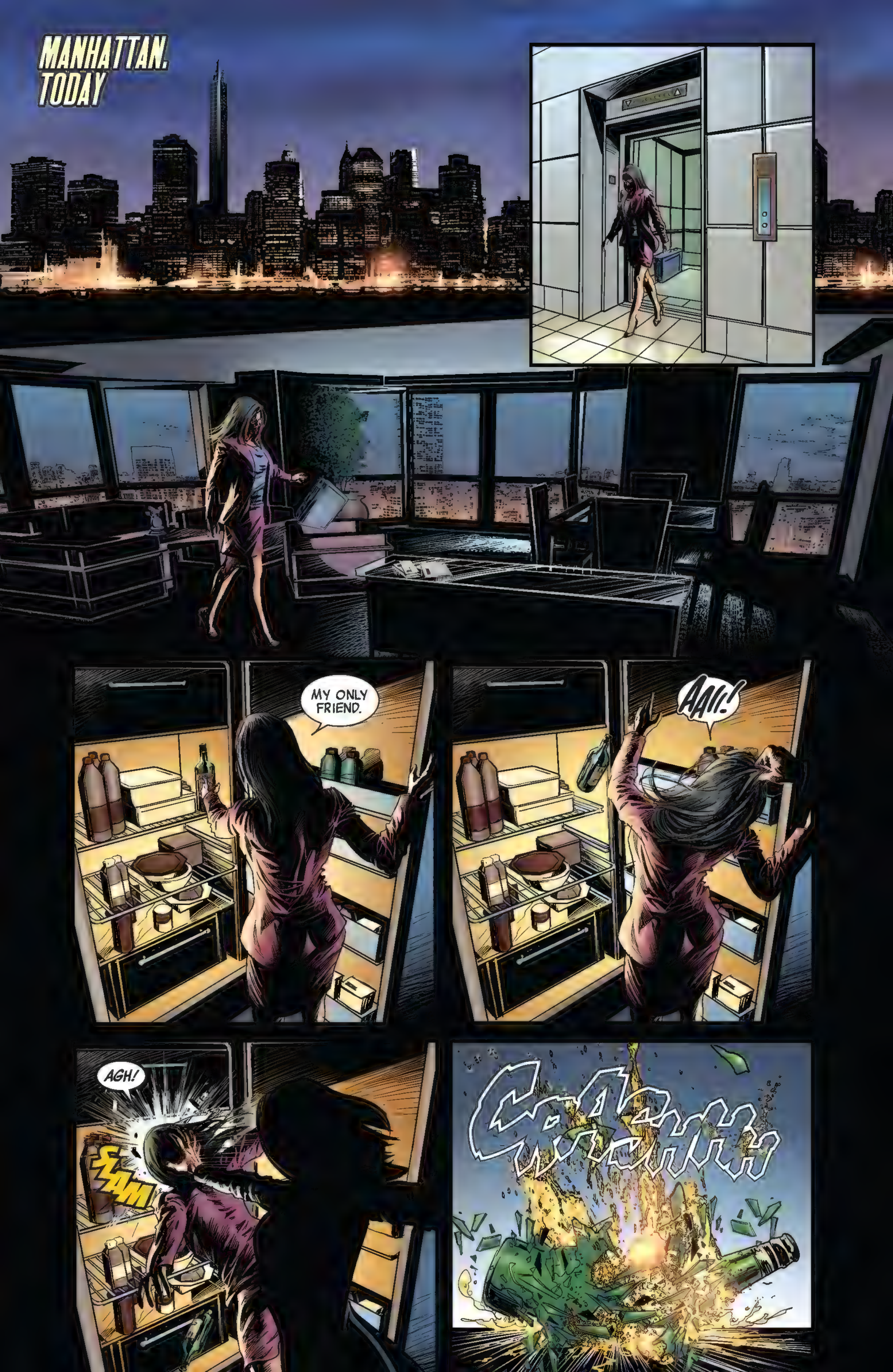
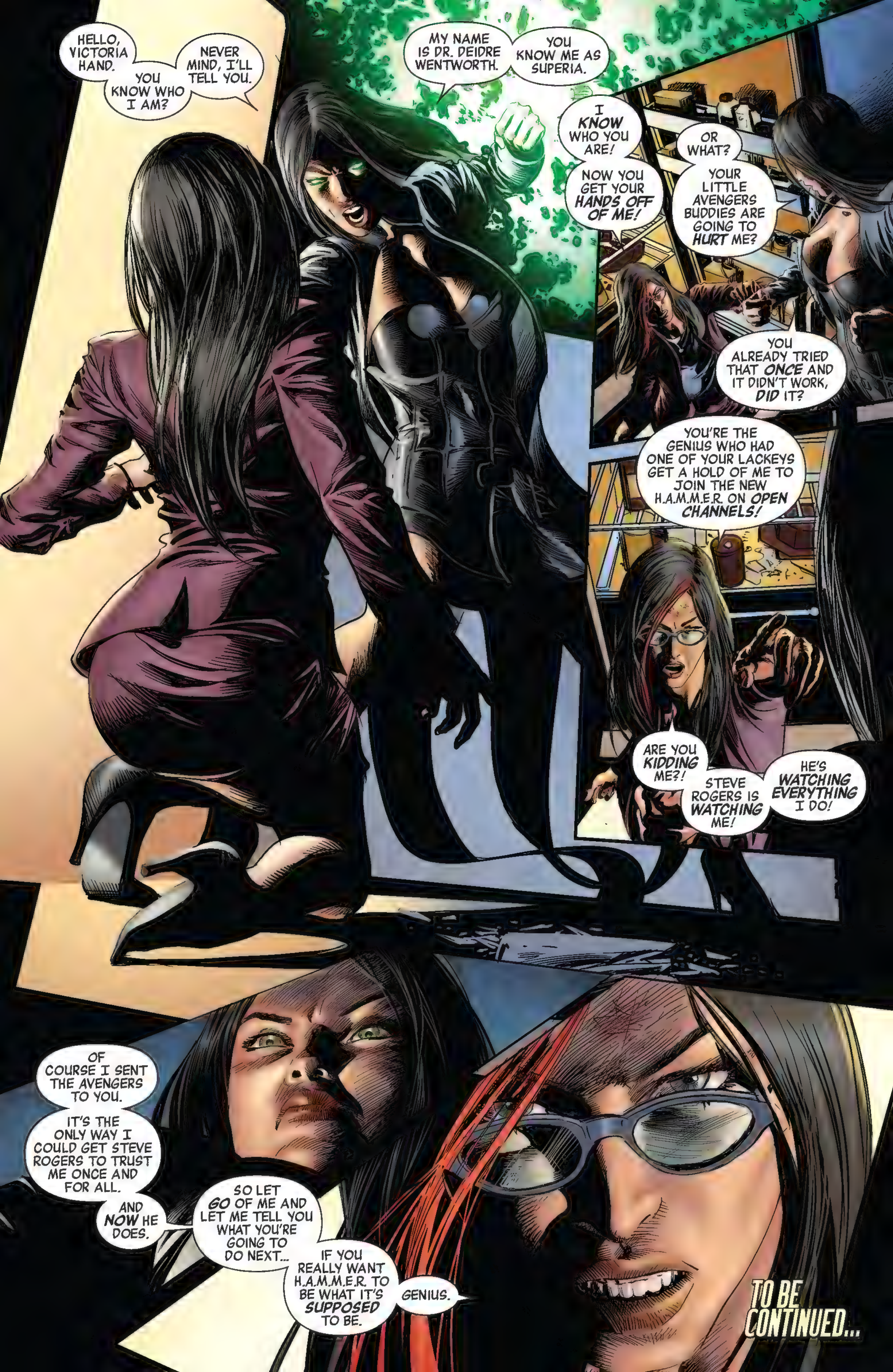

MANHATTAN. TODAY
MY ONLY FRIEND.
AAII!
AGH!
SLAM
CRASHHH


HELLO, VICTORIA HAND.
YOU KNOW WHO I AM?
NEVER MIND, I'LL TELL YOU.
MY NAME IS DR. DEIDRE WENTWORTH.
YOU KNOW ME AS SUPERIA.
I KNOW WHO YOU ARE!
NOW YOU GET YOUR HANDS OFF OF ME!
OR WHAT?
YOUR LITTLE AVENGERS BUDDIES ARE GOING TO HURT ME?
YOU ALREADY TRIED THAT ONCE AND IT DIDN'T WORK, DID IT?
YOU'RE THE GENIUS WHO HAD ONE OF YOUR LACKEYS GET A HOLD OF ME TO JOIN THE NEW H.A.M.M.E.R. ON OPEN CHANNELS!
ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!
STEVE ROGERS IS WATCHING ME!
HE'S WATCHING EVERYTHING I DO!
OF COURSE I SENT THE AVENGERS TO YOU.
IT'S THE ONLY WAY I COULD GET STEVE ROGERS TO TRUST ME ONCE AND FOR ALL.
AND NOW HE DOES.
SO LET GO OF ME AND LET ME TELL YOU WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO NEXT...
IF YOU REALLY WANT H.A.M.M.E.R. TO BE WHAT IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE.
GENIUS.
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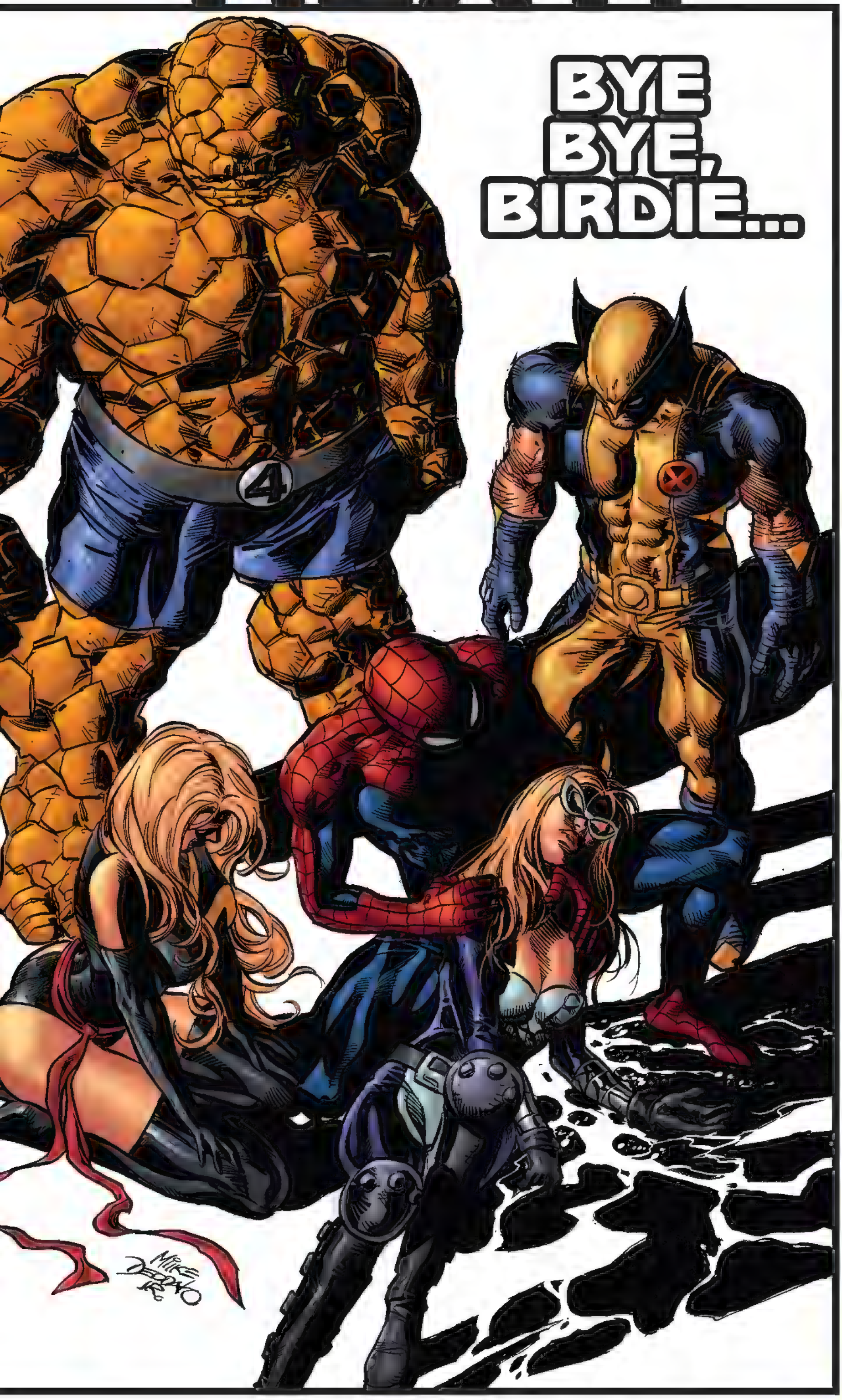
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EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES, UNITED AGAINST A COMMON THREAT! ON THAT DAY THE AVENGERS WERE BORN, TO FIGHT FOES THAT NO SINGLE HERO COULD WITHSTAND!

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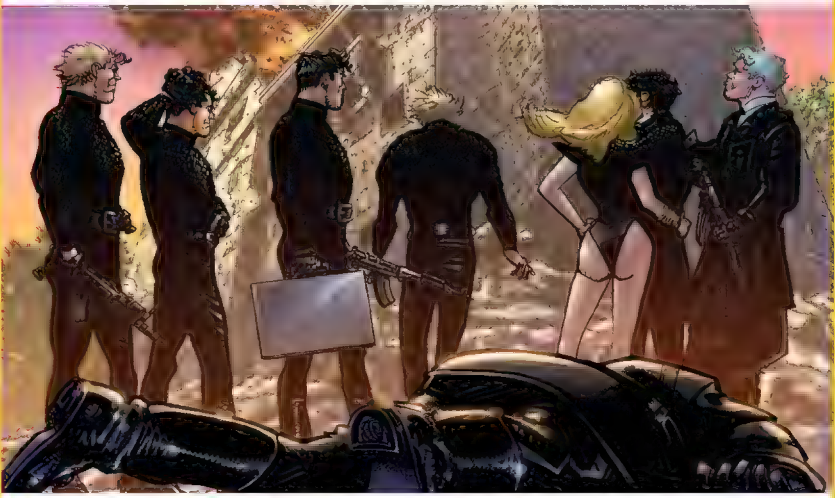

AVENGERS COMMANDER STEVE ROGERS HAS GIVEN LUKE CAGE, JESSICA JONES, MS. MARVEL, MOCKINGBIRD, SPIDER-MAN, WOLVERINE, IRON FIST, DOCTOR STRANGE, AND THE THING THE KEYS TO AVENGERS MANSION, A CONTROVERSIAL LIAISON IN THE FORM OF VICTORIA HAND, AND FREE REIN TO PROTECT THE WORLD ANY WAY THEY SEE FIT.

IN THE LATE NINETEEN-FIFTIES: NICK FURY IS SPENDING HIS TIME HUNTING DOWN NAZI WAR CRIMINALS WHEN THE PRESIDENT ASKS HIM TO PUT TOGETHER AN AVENGERS INITIATIVE FOR A SPECIAL SECRET MISSION. THE TEAM CONSISTS OF HIS PARTNER DUM DUM DUGAN; VICTOR CREED, A.K.A. SABRETOOTH; NAMORA, AN ATLANTEAN PRINCESS; SERGEI KRAVINOFF, A.K.A. KRAVEN THE HUNTER; ULYSSES BLOODSTONE, MYSTICALLY ENHANCED MONSTER HUNTER; DOMINIC FORTUNE, SUPER-SOLDIER-FOR-HIRE; AND ERNST SABLINOVA, A.K.A. THE SILVER SABLE.

HAVING TRACKED THE RED SKULL TO SWEDEN, THE AVENGERS DISCOVER THE SKULL HAS CREATED HIS OWN TWISTED VERSION OF CAPTAIN AMERICA. DESTROYING THE EVIL CAP, THE TEAM TAKES OUT THE SKULL AS WELL, WHO TURNS OUT NOT TO BE THE ORIGINAL HIMSELF, BUT A SUCCESSOR. RECOVERING THE SKULL'S BRIEFCASE, FURY FINDS SOME VERY CURIOUS CONTENTS…

IN THE PRESENT: NORMAN OSBORN'S DEFUNCT ORGANIZATION H.A.M.M.E.R. IS SETTING UP SHOP AGAIN, BUT THE NEW AVENGERS STOP THEM AND THEIR NEW LEADER SUPERIA BEFORE THEY EVEN GET STARTED. THE ENSUING BATTLE HAS ALREADY CLAIMED A VICTIM…MOCKINGBIRD IS DOWN.

THE NEW AVENGERS TEAM UP WITH MOCKINGBIRD'S EX-HUSBAND HAWKEYE AND SPIDER-WOMAN AND SCRAMBLE TO FIND SUPERIA. MEANWHILE, SUPERIA CONFRONTS THE AVENGERS' LIAISON, AND FORMER H.A.M.M.E.R. AGENT VICTORIA HAND, WHO REVEALS SHE IS STILL A H.A.M.M.E.R. LOYALIST. OR IS SHE?

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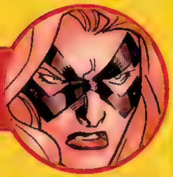

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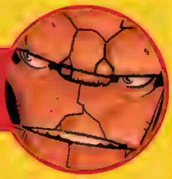

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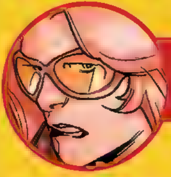

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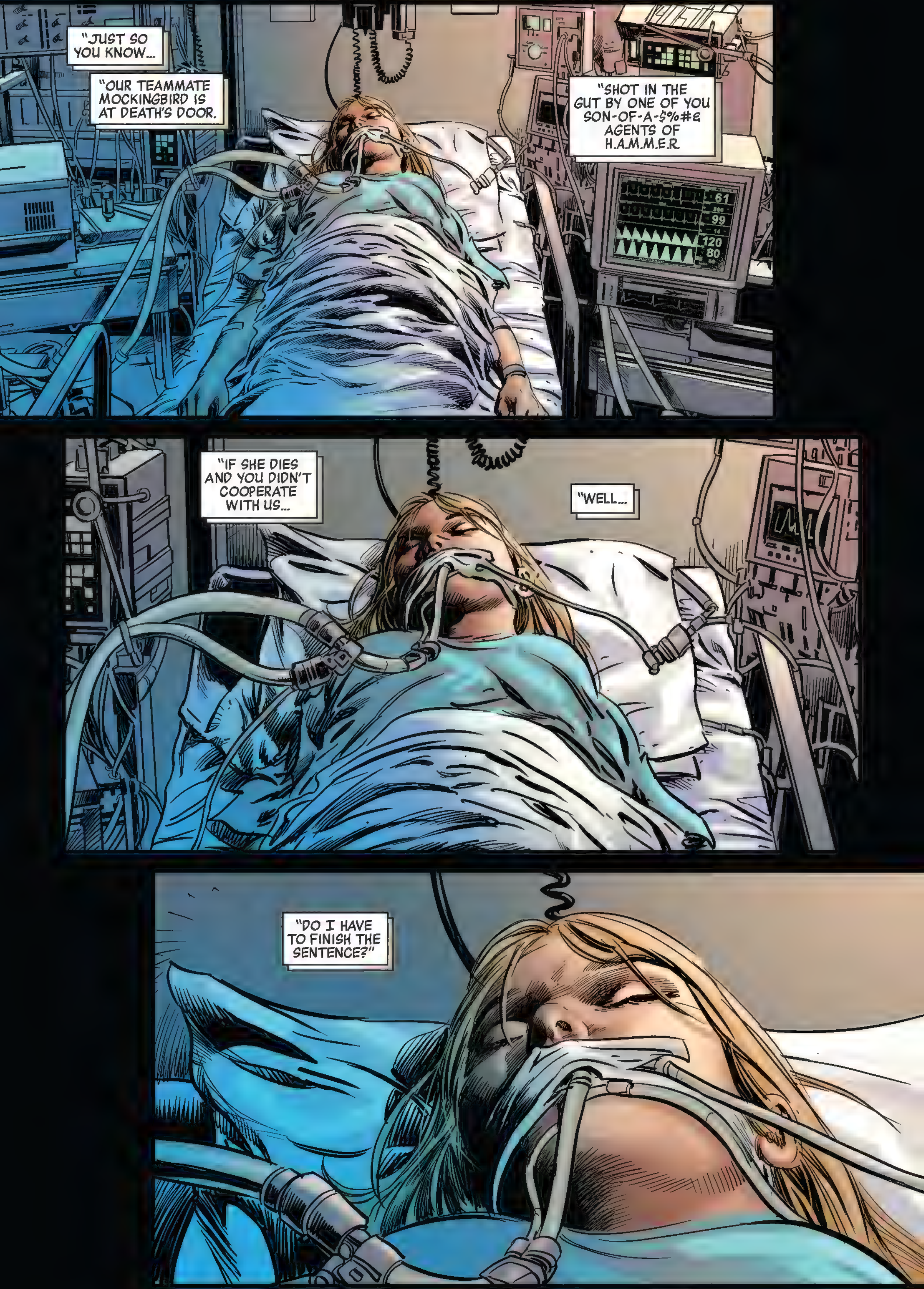
"JUST SO YOU KNOW...
"OUR TEAMMATE MOCKINGBIRD IS AT DEATH'S DOOR.
"SHOT IN THE GUT BY ONE OF YOU SON-OF-A-$%#& AGENTS OF H.A.M.M.E.R.
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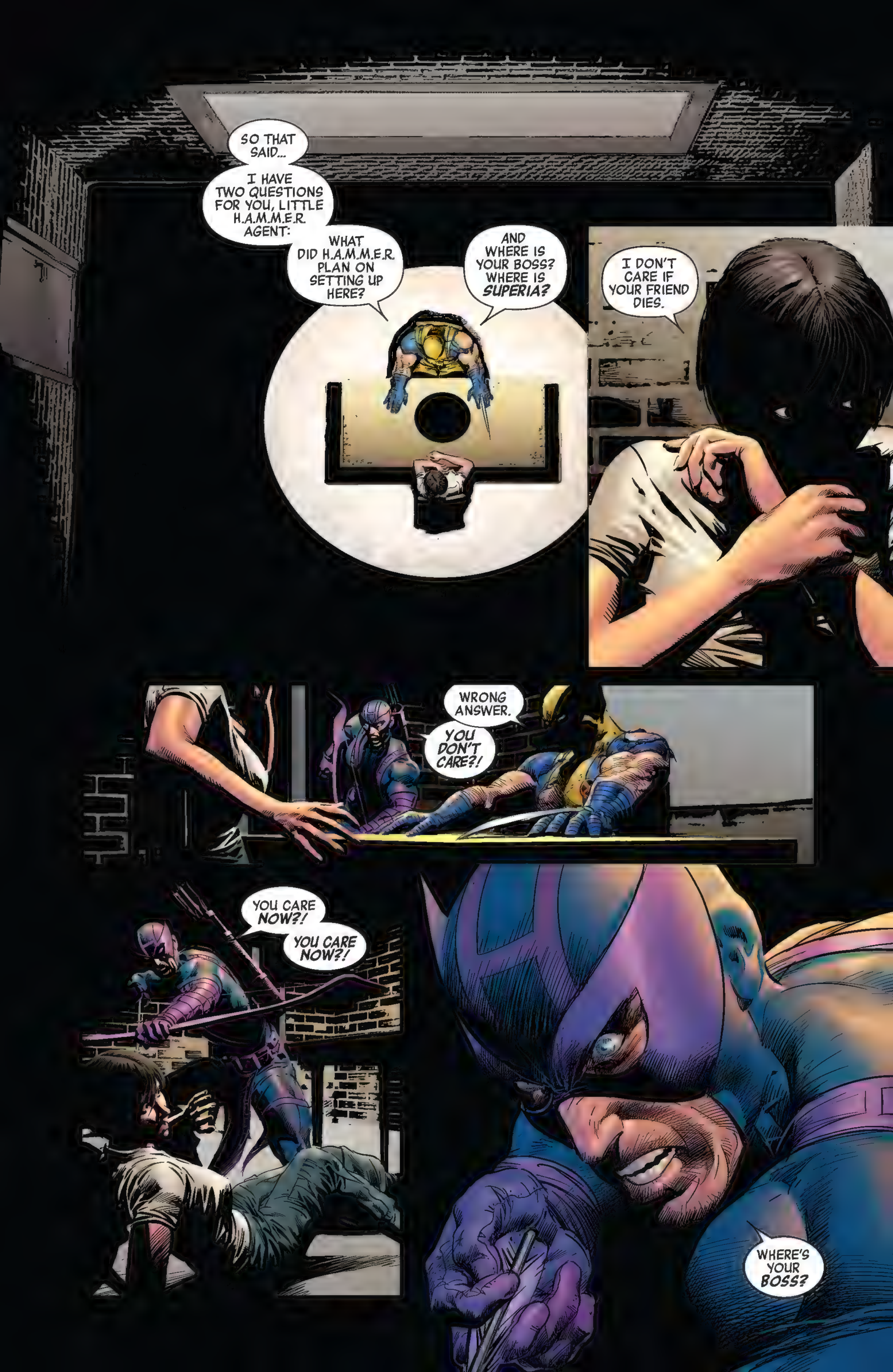
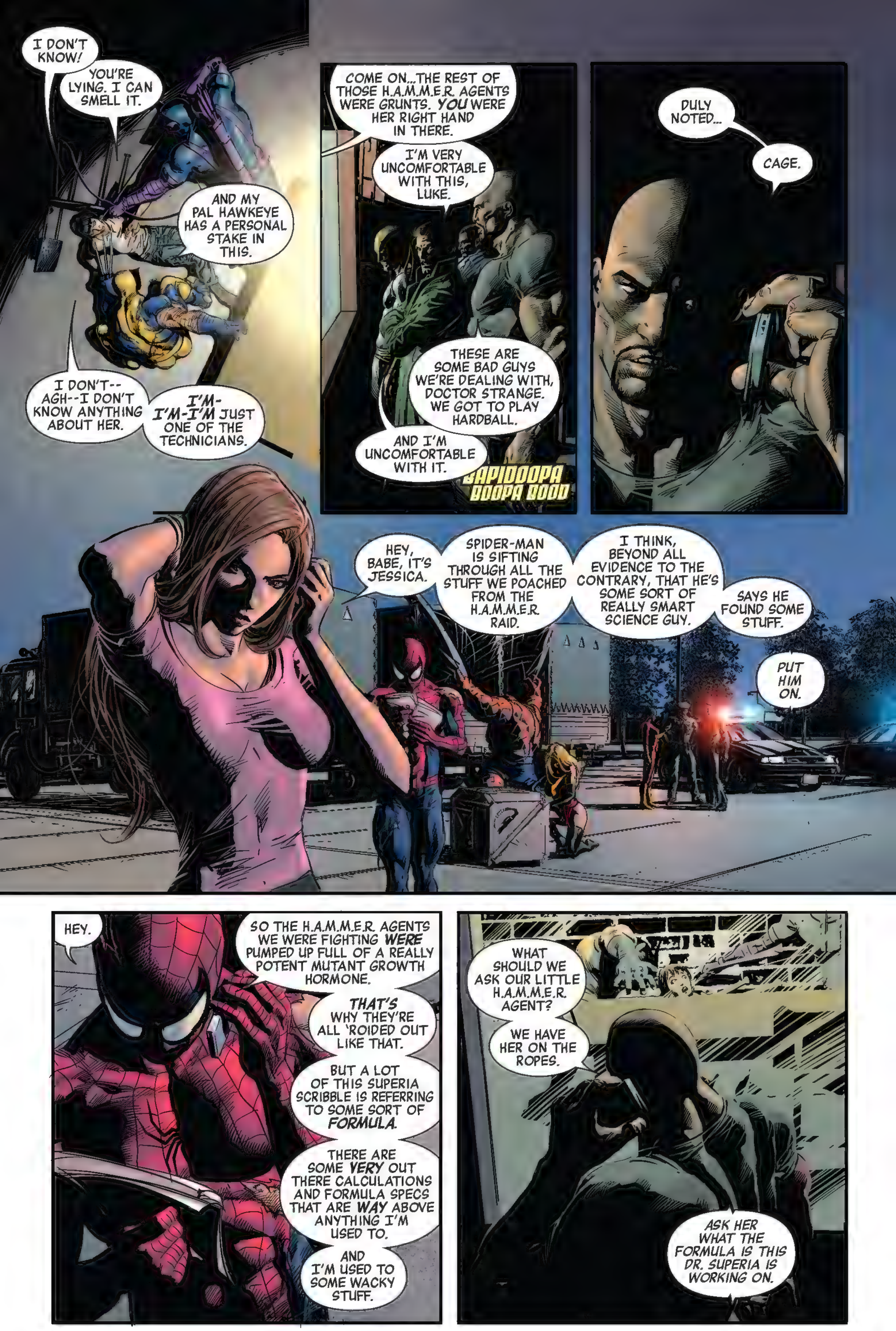
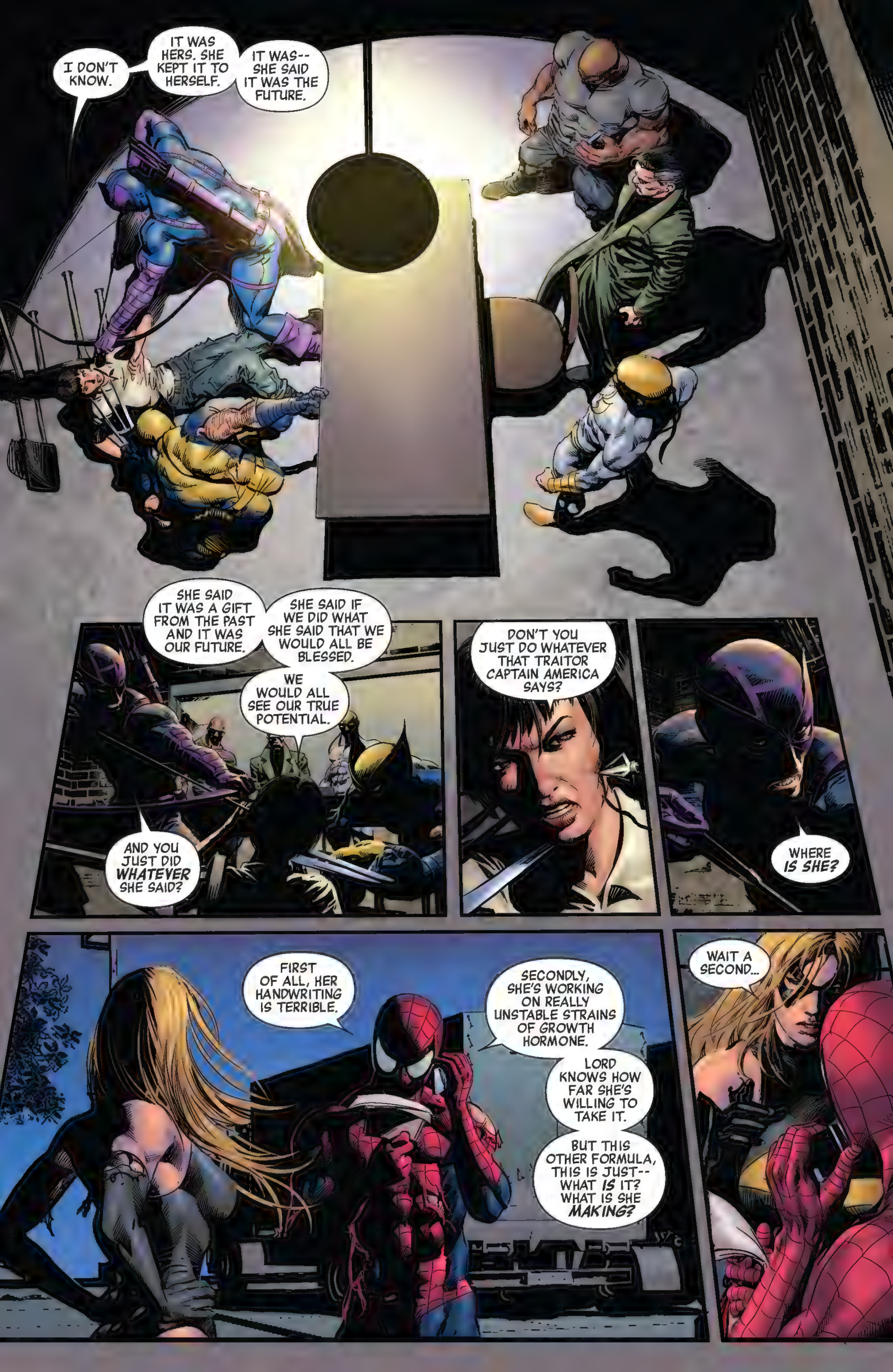
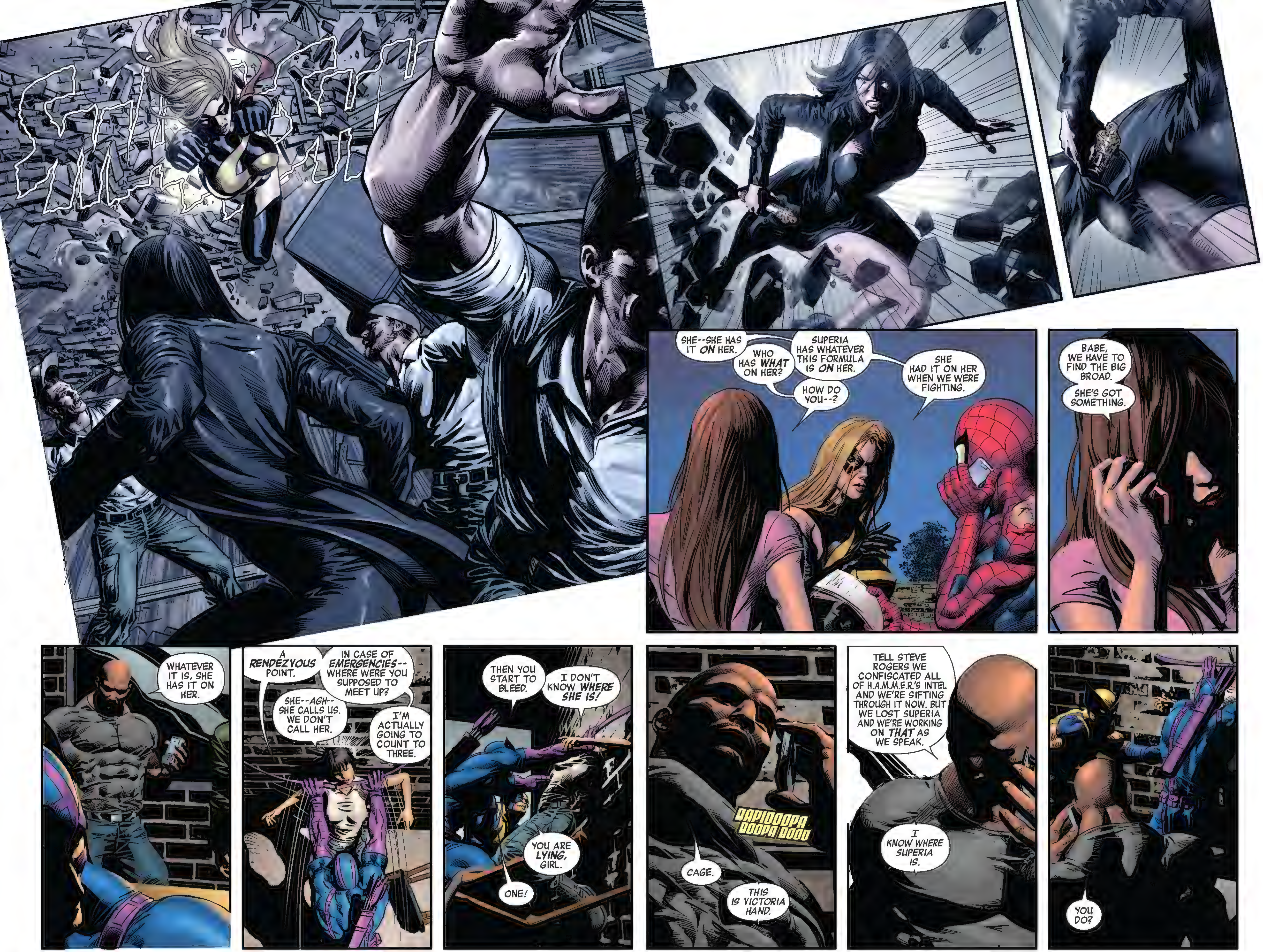
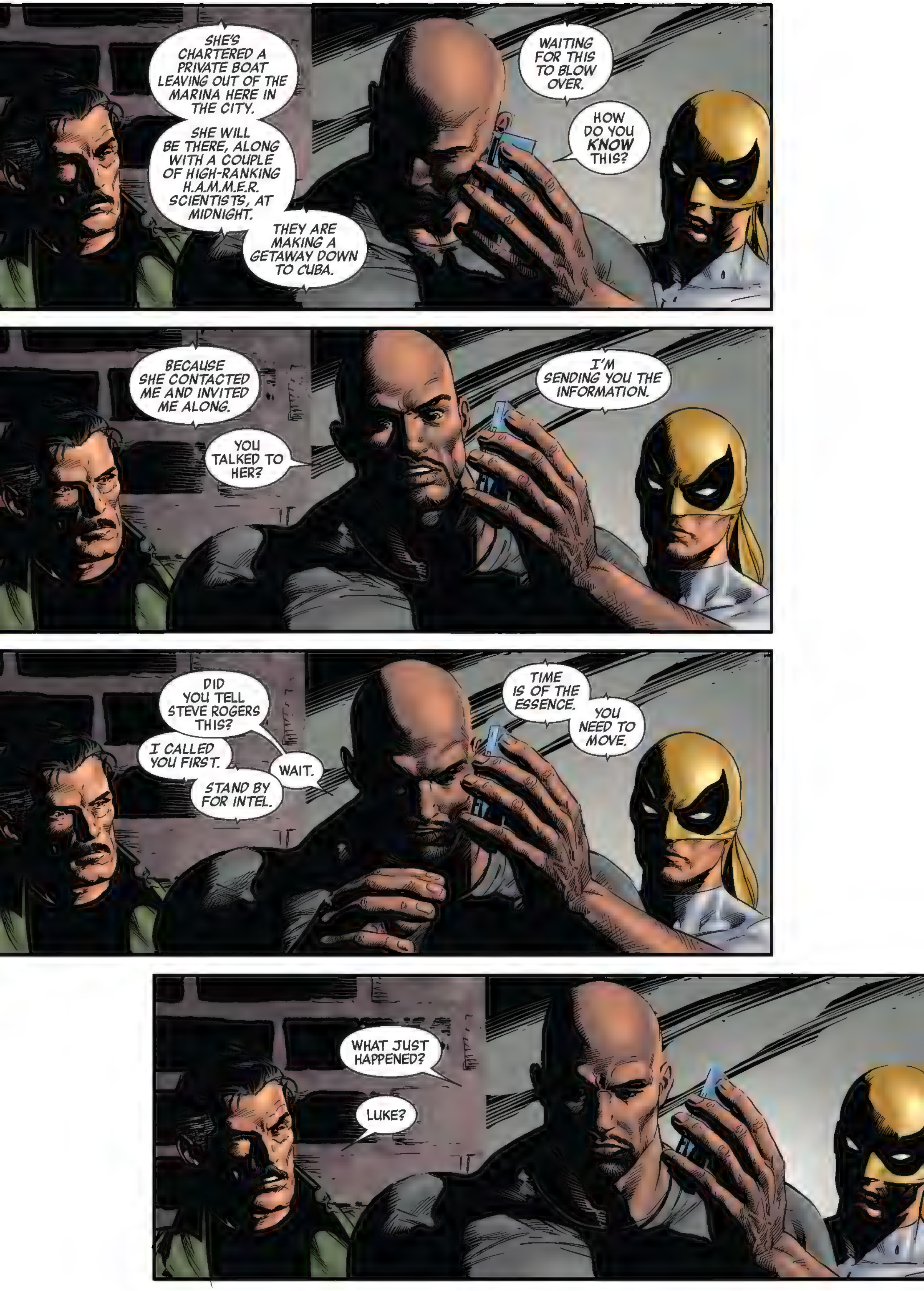
"IF SHE DIES AND YOU DIDN'T COOPERATE WITH US...
"WELL...
"DO I HAVE TO FINISH THE SENTENCE?"

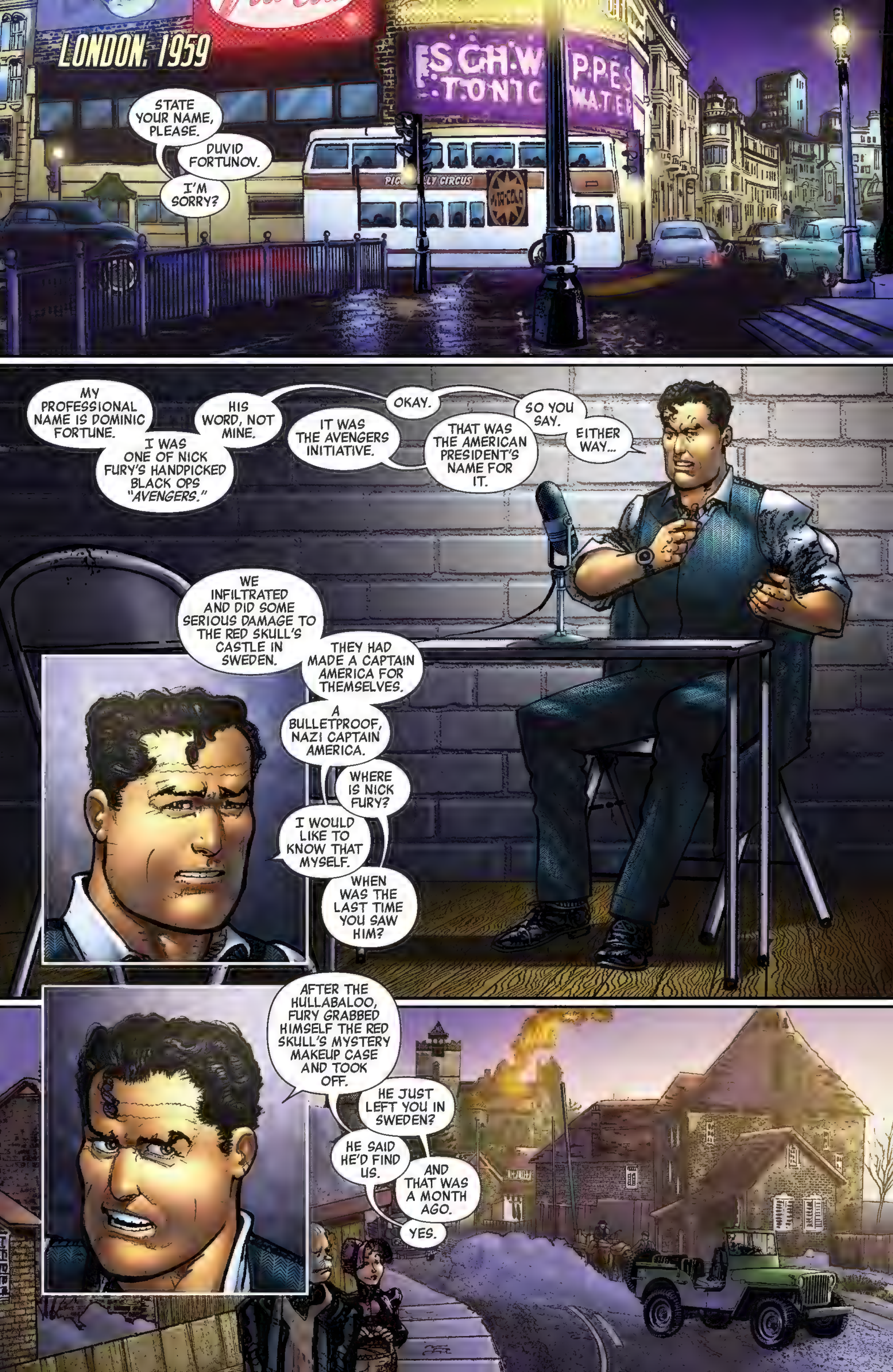

SO THAT SAID...
I HAVE TWO QUESTIONS FOR YOU, LITTLE H.A.M.M.E.R. AGENT:
WHAT DID H.A.M.M.E.R. PLAN ON SETTING UP HERE?
AND WHERE IS YOUR BOSS? WHERE IS SUPERIA?
I DON'T CARE IF YOUR FRIEND DIES.
WRONG ANSWER.
YOU DON'T CARE?!
YOU CARE NOW?!
YOU CARE NOW?!
WHERE'S YOUR BOSS?

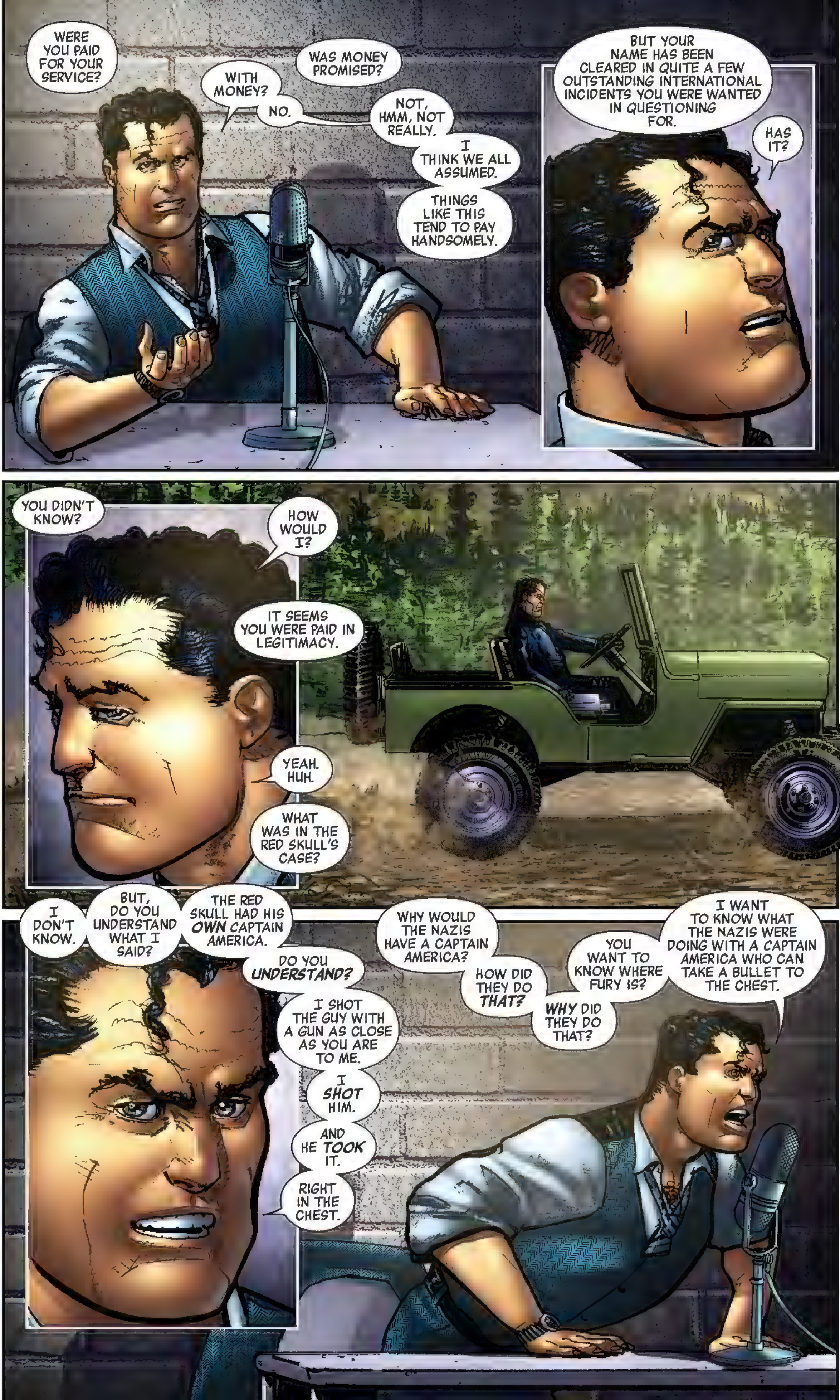

I DON'T KNOW!
YOU'RE LYING. I CAN SMELL IT.
AND MY PAL HAWKEYE HAS A PERSONAL STAKE IN THIS.
I DON'T--AGH--I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HER.
I'M-I'M-I'M JUST ONE OF THE TECHNICIANS.
COME ON...THE REST OF THOSE H.A.M.M.E.R. AGENTS WERE GRUNTS. YOU WERE HER RIGHT HAND IN THERE.
I'M VERY UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THIS, LUKE.
THESE ARE SOME BAD GUYS WE'RE DEALING WITH, DOCTOR STRANGE. WE GOT TO PLAY HARDBALL.
AND I'M UNCOMFORTABLE WITH IT.
BAPIDOOPA DOOPA DOOD
DULY NOTED...
CAGE.
HEY, BABE, IT'S JESSICA.
SPIDER-MAN IS SIFTING THROUGH ALL THE STUFF WE POACHED FROM THE H.A.M.M.E.R. RAID.
I THINK, BEYOND ALL EVIDENCE TO THE CONTRARY, THAT HE'S SOME SORT OF REALLY SMART SCIENCE GUY.
SAYS HE FOUND SOME STUFF.
PUT HIM ON.
HEY.
SO THE H.A.M.M.E.R. AGENTS WE WERE FIGHTING WERE PUMPED UP FULL OF A REALLY POTENT MUTANT GROWTH HORMONE.
THAT'S WHY THEY'RE ALL 'ROIDED OUT LIKE THAT.
BUT A LOT OF THIS SUPERIA SCRIBBLE IS REFERRING TO SOME SORT OF FORMULA.
THERE ARE SOME VERY OUT THERE CALCULATIONS AND FORMULA SPECS THAT ARE WAY ABOVE ANYTHING I'M USED TO.
AND I'M USED TO SOME WACKY STUFF.
WHAT SHOULD WE ASK OUR LITTLE H.A.M.M.E.R. AGENT?
WE HAVE HER ON THE ROPES.
ASK HER WHAT THE FORMULA IS THIS DR. SUPERIA IS WORKING ON.

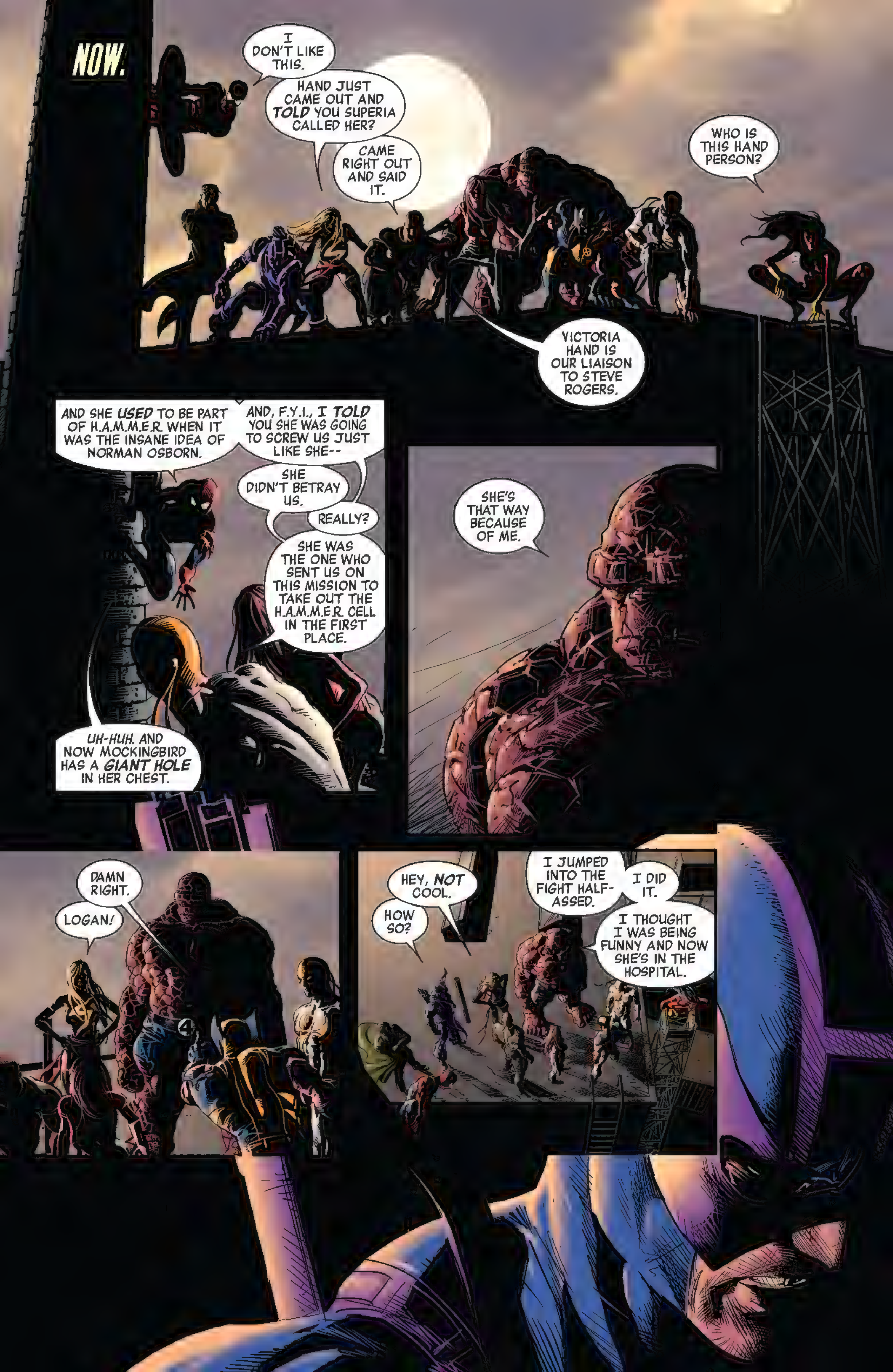

I DON'T KNOW.
IT WAS HERS. SHE KEPT IT TO HERSELF.
IT WAS-- SHE SAID IT WAS THE FUTURE.
SHE SAID IT WAS A GIFT FROM THE PAST AND IT WAS OUR FUTURE.
SHE SAID IF WE DID WHAT SHE SAID THAT WE WOULD ALL BE BLESSED.
WE WOULD ALL SEE OUR TRUE POTENTIAL.
AND YOU JUST DID *WHATEVER* SHE SAID?
DON'T YOU JUST DO WHATEVER THAT TRAITOR CAPTAIN AMERICA SAYS?
WHERE *IS SHE?*
FIRST OF ALL, HER HANDWRITING IS TERRIBLE.
SECONDLY, SHE'S WORKING ON REALLY UNSTABLE STRAINS OF GROWTH HORMONE.
LORD KNOWS HOW FAR SHE'S WILLING TO TAKE IT.
BUT THIS OTHER FORMULA, THIS IS JUST-- WHAT *IS* IT? WHAT IS SHE *MAKING?*
WAIT A SECOND...

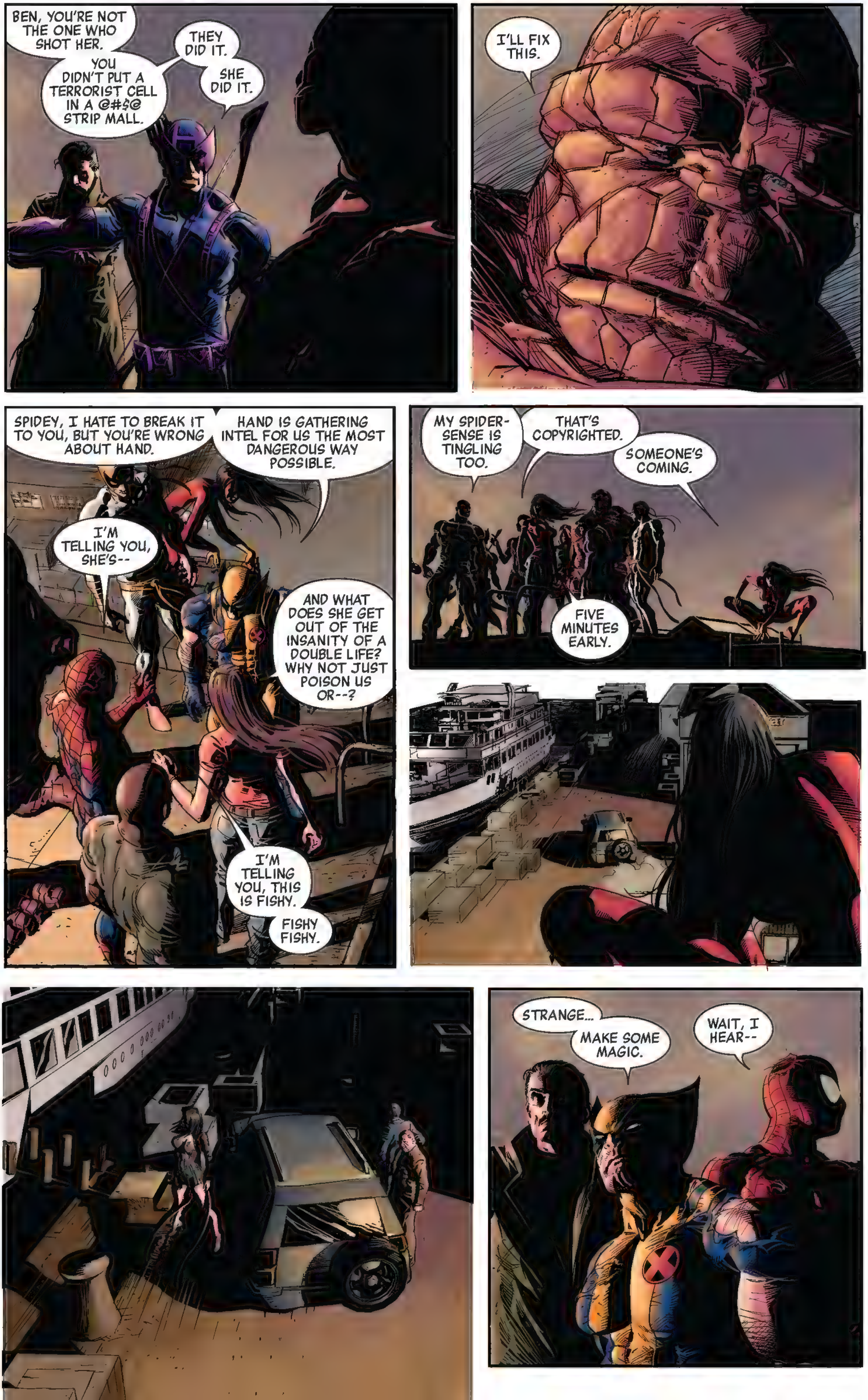

SHE--SHE HAS IT *ON* HER.
WHO HAS *WHAT* ON HER?
SUPERIA HAS WHATEVER THIS FORMULA IS *ON* HER.
HOW DO YOU--?
SHE HAD IT ON HER WHEN WE WERE FIGHTING.
BABE, WE HAVE TO FIND THE BIG BROAD.
SHE'S GOT SOMETHING.
WHATEVER IT IS, SHE HAS IT ON HER.
A *RENDEZVOUS* POINT.
IN CASE OF *EMERGENCIES*--WHERE WERE YOU SUPPOSED TO MEET UP?
SHE--*AGH*--SHE CALLS US. WE DON'T CALL HER.
I'M ACTUALLY GOING TO COUNT TO THREE.
THEN YOU START TO BLEED.
I DON'T KNOW *WHERE SHE IS!*
YOU ARE *LYING*, GIRL.
ONE!
BAPIDOOPA BOOPA BOOD
CAGE.
THIS IS VICTORIA HAND.
TELL STEVE ROGERS WE CONFISCATED ALL OF H.A.M.M.E.R.'S INTEL AND WE'RE SIFTING THROUGH IT NOW. BUT WE LOST SUPERIA AND WE'RE WORKING ON *THAT* AS WE SPEAK.
I KNOW WHERE SUPERIA IS.
YOU DO?

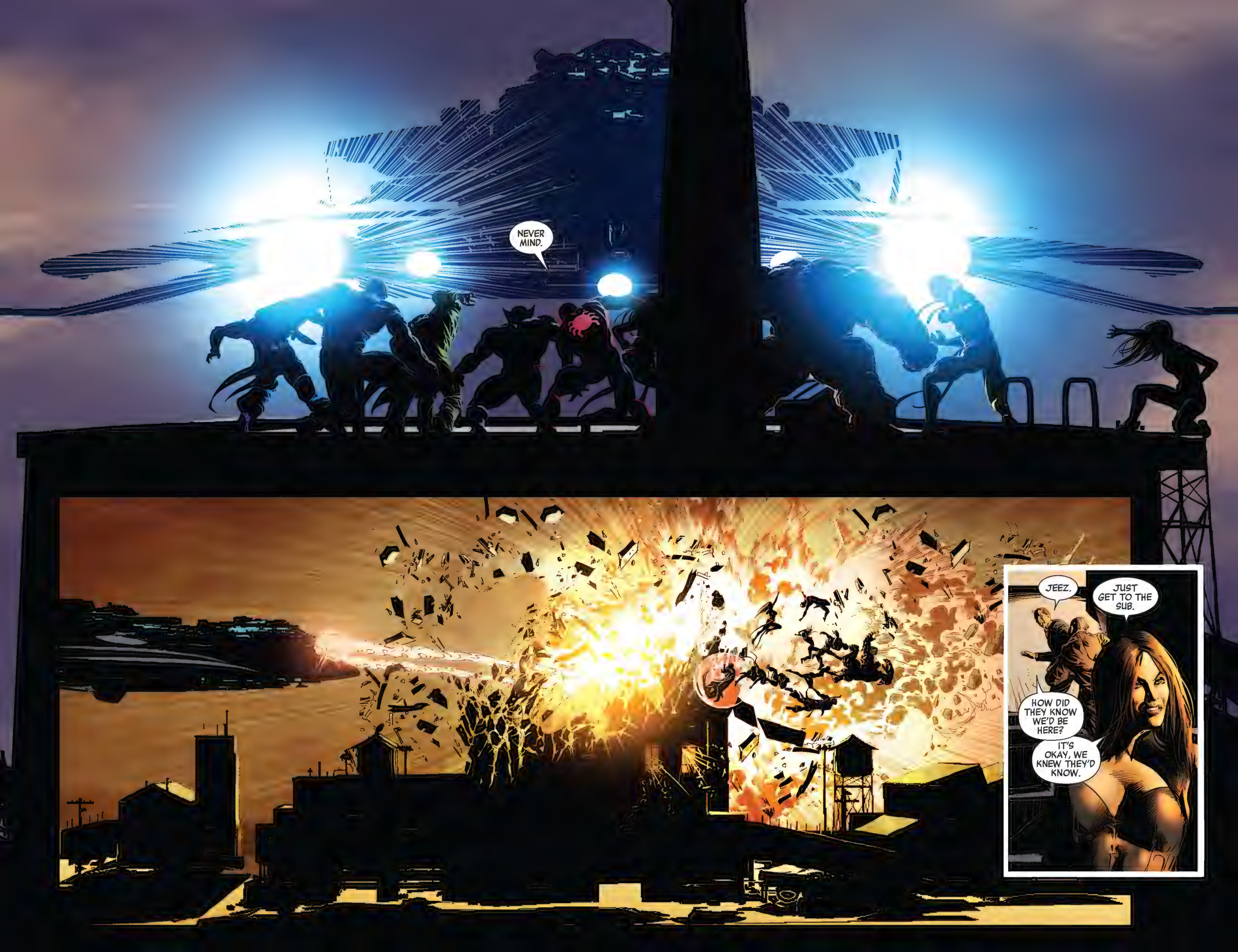

SHE'S CHARTERED A PRIVATE BOAT LEAVING OUT OF THE MARINA HERE IN THE CITY.
SHE WILL BE THERE, ALONG WITH A COUPLE OF HIGH-RANKING H.A.M.M.E.R. SCIENTISTS, AT MIDNIGHT.
THEY ARE MAKING A GETAWAY DOWN TO CUBA.
WAITING FOR THIS TO BLOW OVER.
HOW DO YOU **KNOW** THIS?
BECAUSE SHE CONTACTED ME AND INVITED ME ALONG.
YOU TALKED TO HER?
I'M SENDING YOU THE INFORMATION.
DID YOU TELL STEVE ROGERS THIS?
I CALLED YOU FIRST.
WAIT.
STAND BY FOR INTEL.
TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.
YOU NEED TO MOVE.
WHAT JUST HAPPENED?
LUKE?

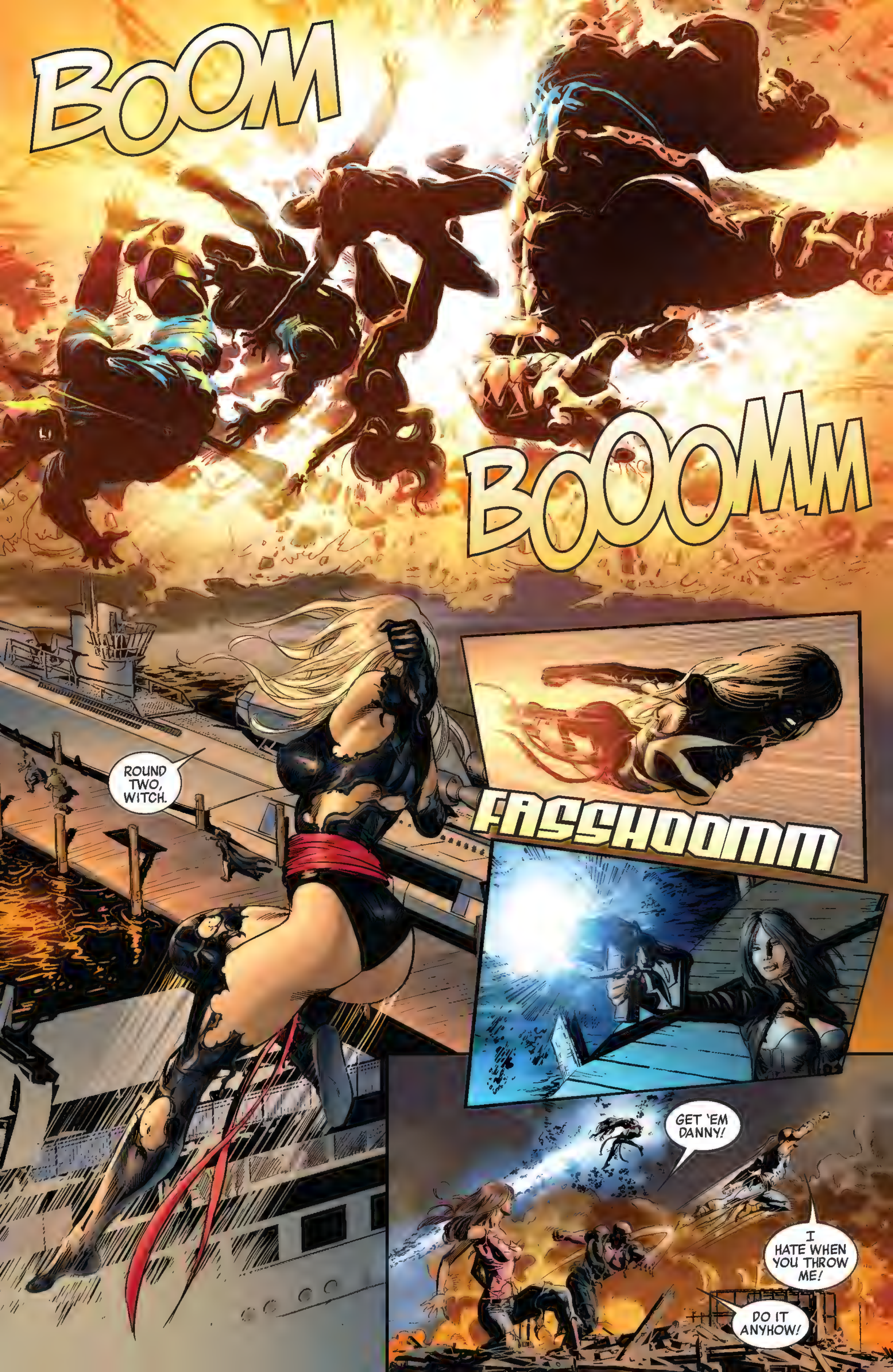

LONDON. 1959
SCHWEPPES TONIC WATER
PICCADILLY CIRCUS
STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.
DUVID FORTUNOV.
I'M SORRY?
MY PROFESSIONAL NAME IS DOMINIC FORTUNE.
I WAS ONE OF NICK FURY'S HANDPICKED BLACK OPS "AVENGERS."
HIS WORD, NOT MINE.
OKAY.
IT WAS THE AVENGERS INITIATIVE.
THAT WAS THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT'S NAME FOR IT.
SO YOU SAY.
EITHER WAY...
WE INFILTRATED AND DID SOME SERIOUS DAMAGE TO THE RED SKULL'S CASTLE IN SWEDEN.
THEY HAD MADE A CAPTAIN AMERICA FOR THEMSELVES.
A BULLETPROOF, NAZI CAPTAIN AMERICA.
WHERE IS NICK FURY?
I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THAT MYSELF.
WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU SAW HIM?
AFTER THE HULLABALOO, FURY GRABBED HIMSELF THE RED SKULL'S MYSTERY MAKEUP CASE AND TOOK OFF.
HE JUST LEFT YOU IN SWEDEN?
HE SAID HE'D FIND US.
AND THAT WAS A MONTH AGO.
YES.

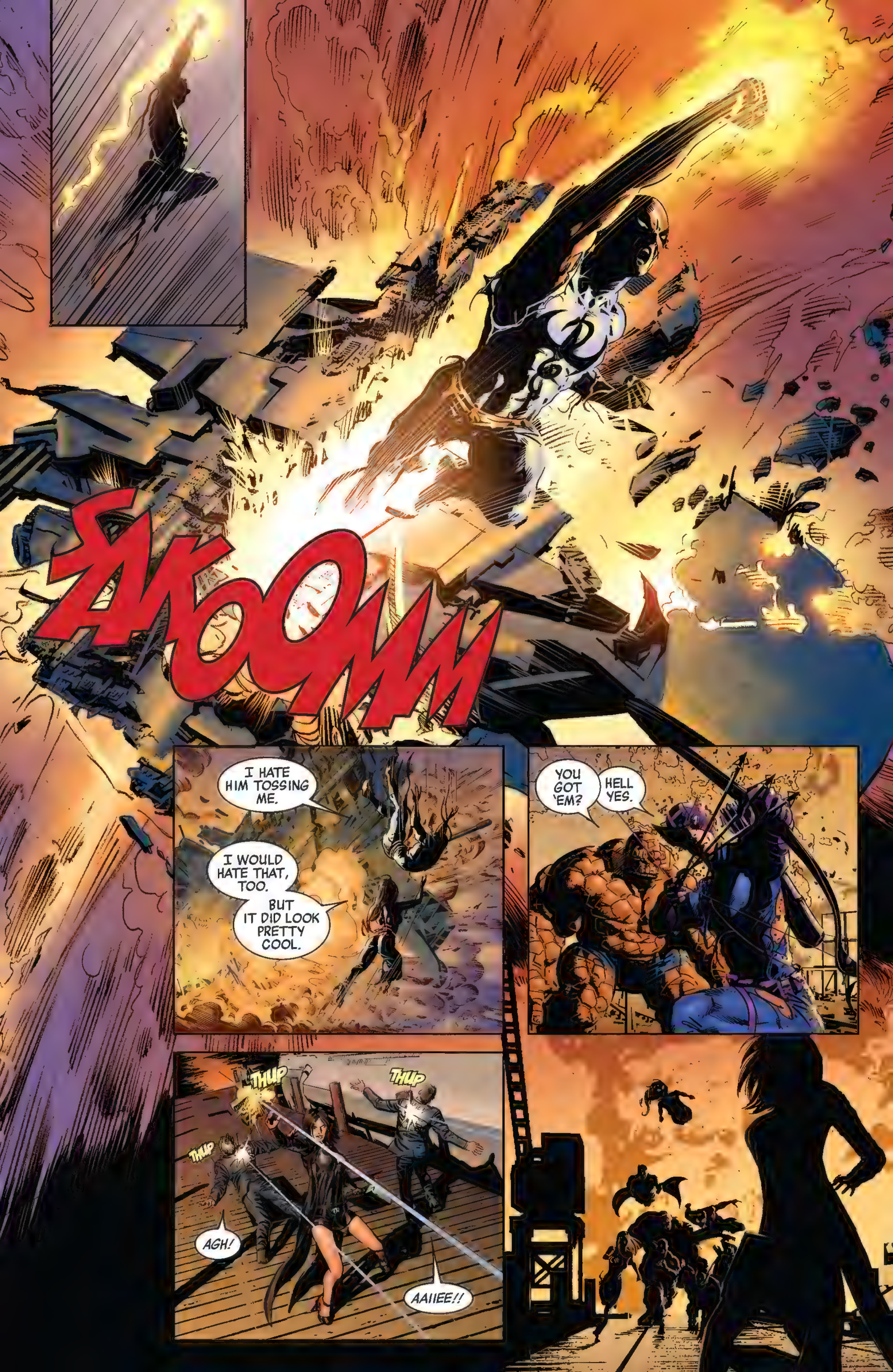

WERE YOU PAID FOR YOUR SERVICE?
WITH MONEY?
WAS MONEY PROMISED?
NO.
NOT, HMM, NOT REALLY.
I THINK WE ALL ASSUMED.
THINGS LIKE THIS TEND TO PAY HANDSOMELY.
BUT YOUR NAME HAS BEEN CLEARED IN QUITE A FEW OUTSTANDING INTERNATIONAL INCIDENTS YOU WERE WANTED IN QUESTIONING FOR.
HAS IT?
YOU DIDN'T KNOW?
HOW WOULD I?
IT SEEMS YOU WERE PAID IN LEGITIMACY.
YEAH. HUH.
WHAT WAS IN THE RED SKULL'S CASE?
I DON'T KNOW.
BUT, DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I SAID?
THE RED SKULL HAD HIS ***OWN*** CAPTAIN AMERICA.
DO YOU ***UNDERSTAND?***
I SHOT THE GUY WITH A GUN AS CLOSE AS YOU ARE TO ME.
I ***SHOT*** HIM.
AND HE ***TOOK*** IT.
RIGHT IN THE CHEST.
WHY WOULD THE NAZIS HAVE A CAPTAIN AMERICA?
HOW DID THEY DO ***THAT?***
WHY DID THEY DO THAT?
YOU WANT TO KNOW WHERE FURY IS?
I WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE NAZIS WERE DOING WITH A CAPTAIN AMERICA WHO CAN TAKE A BULLET TO THE CHEST.

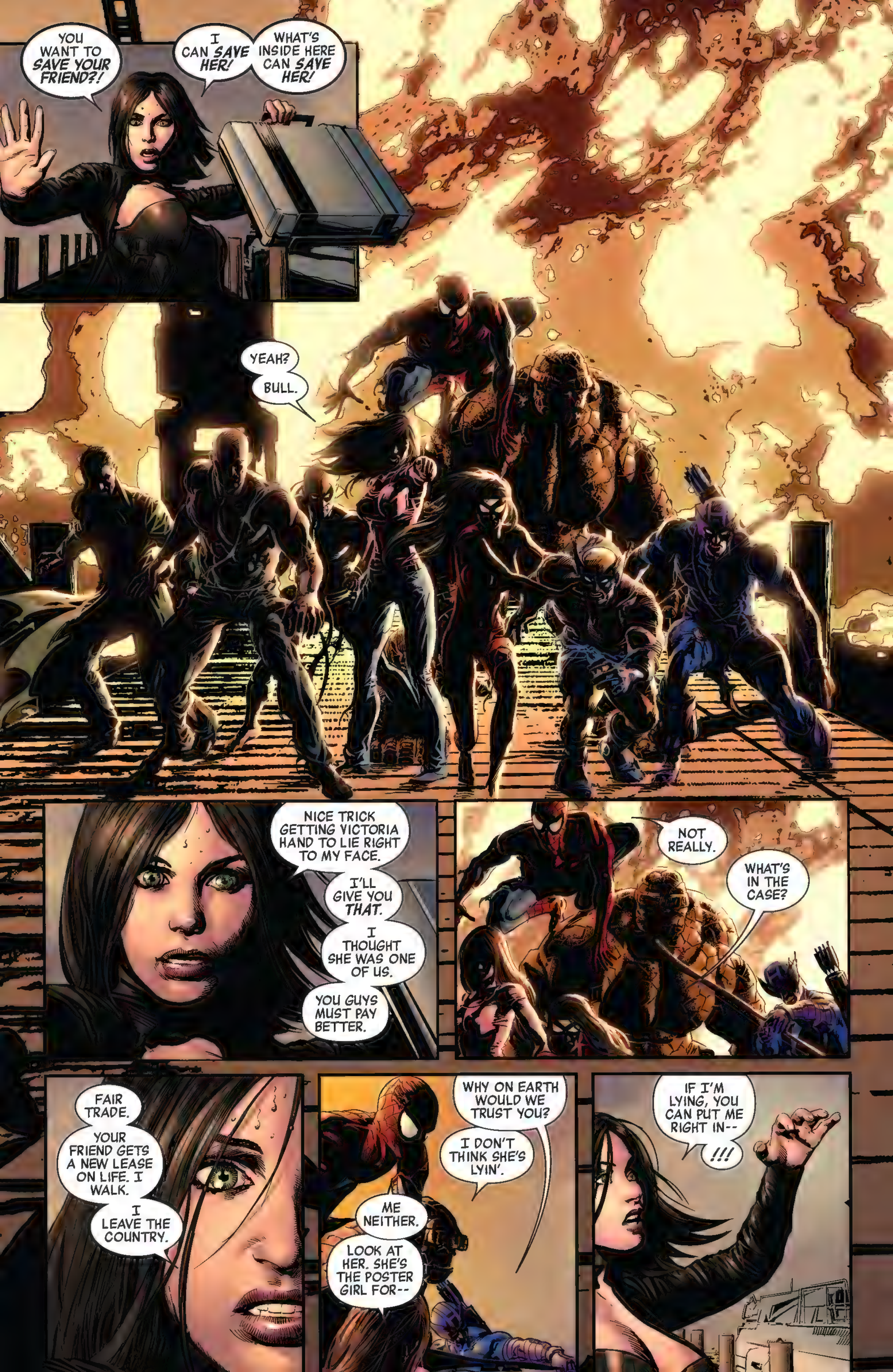

NOW.
I DON'T LIKE THIS.
HAND JUST CAME OUT AND *TOLD* YOU SUPERIA CALLED HER?
CAME RIGHT OUT AND SAID IT.
WHO IS THIS HAND PERSON?
VICTORIA HAND IS OUR LIAISON TO STEVE ROGERS.
AND SHE *USED* TO BE PART OF H.A.M.M.E.R. WHEN IT WAS THE INSANE IDEA OF NORMAN OSBORN.
AND, F.Y.I., I *TOLD* YOU SHE WAS GOING TO SCREW US JUST LIKE SHE--
SHE DIDN'T BETRAY US.
REALLY?
SHE WAS THE ONE WHO SENT US ON THIS MISSION TO TAKE OUT THE H.A.M.M.E.R. CELL IN THE FIRST PLACE.
UH-HUH. AND NOW MOCKINGBIRD HAS A *GIANT HOLE* IN HER CHEST.
SHE'S THAT WAY BECAUSE OF ME.
DAMN RIGHT.
LOGAN!
HEY, *NOT* COOL.
HOW SO?
I JUMPED INTO THE FIGHT HALF-ASSED.
I DID IT.
I THOUGHT I WAS BEING FUNNY AND NOW SHE'S IN THE HOSPITAL.


BEN, YOU'RE NOT THE ONE WHO SHOT HER.
YOU DIDN'T PUT A TERRORIST CELL IN A @#$@ STRIP MALL.
THEY DID IT.
SHE DID IT.
I'LL FIX THIS.
SPIDEY, I HATE TO BREAK IT TO YOU, BUT YOU'RE WRONG ABOUT HAND.
HAND IS GATHERING INTEL FOR US THE MOST DANGEROUS WAY POSSIBLE.
I'M TELLING YOU, SHE'S--
AND WHAT DOES SHE GET OUT OF THE INSANITY OF A DOUBLE LIFE? WHY NOT JUST POISON US OR--?
I'M TELLING YOU, THIS IS FISHY.
FISHY FISHY.
MY SPIDER-SENSE IS TINGLING TOO.
THAT'S COPYRIGHTED.
SOMEONE'S COMING.
FIVE MINUTES EARLY.
STRANGE...
MAKE SOME MAGIC.
WAIT, I HEAR--


NEVER MIND.
JEEZ.
JUST GET TO THE SUB.
HOW DID THEY KNOW WE'D BE HERE?
IT'S OKAY, WE KNEW THEY'D KNOW.


BOOM
BOOOMM
ROUND TWO, WITCH.
FASSHOOMM
GET 'EM DANNY!
I HATE WHEN YOU THROW ME!
DO IT ANYHOW!


SHOOMM
I HATE HIM TOSSING ME.
I WOULD HATE THAT, TOO.
BUT IT DID LOOK PRETTY COOL.
YOU GOT 'EM?
HELL YES.
THUP
THUP
THUP
AGH!
AAIIEE!!


YOU WANT TO *SAVE YOUR FRIEND?!*
I CAN *SAVE* HER!
WHAT'S INSIDE HERE CAN *SAVE* HER!
YEAH?
BULL.
NICE TRICK GETTING VICTORIA HAND TO LIE RIGHT TO MY FACE.
I'LL GIVE YOU *THAT.*
I THOUGHT SHE WAS ONE OF US.
YOU GUYS MUST PAY BETTER.
NOT REALLY.
WHAT'S IN THE CASE?
FAIR TRADE.
YOUR FRIEND GETS A NEW LEASE ON LIFE. I WALK.
I LEAVE THE COUNTRY.
WHY ON EARTH WOULD WE TRUST YOU?
I DON'T THINK SHE'S LYIN'.
ME NEITHER.
LOOK AT HER. SHE'S THE POSTER GIRL FOR--
IF I'M LYING, YOU CAN PUT ME RIGHT IN--
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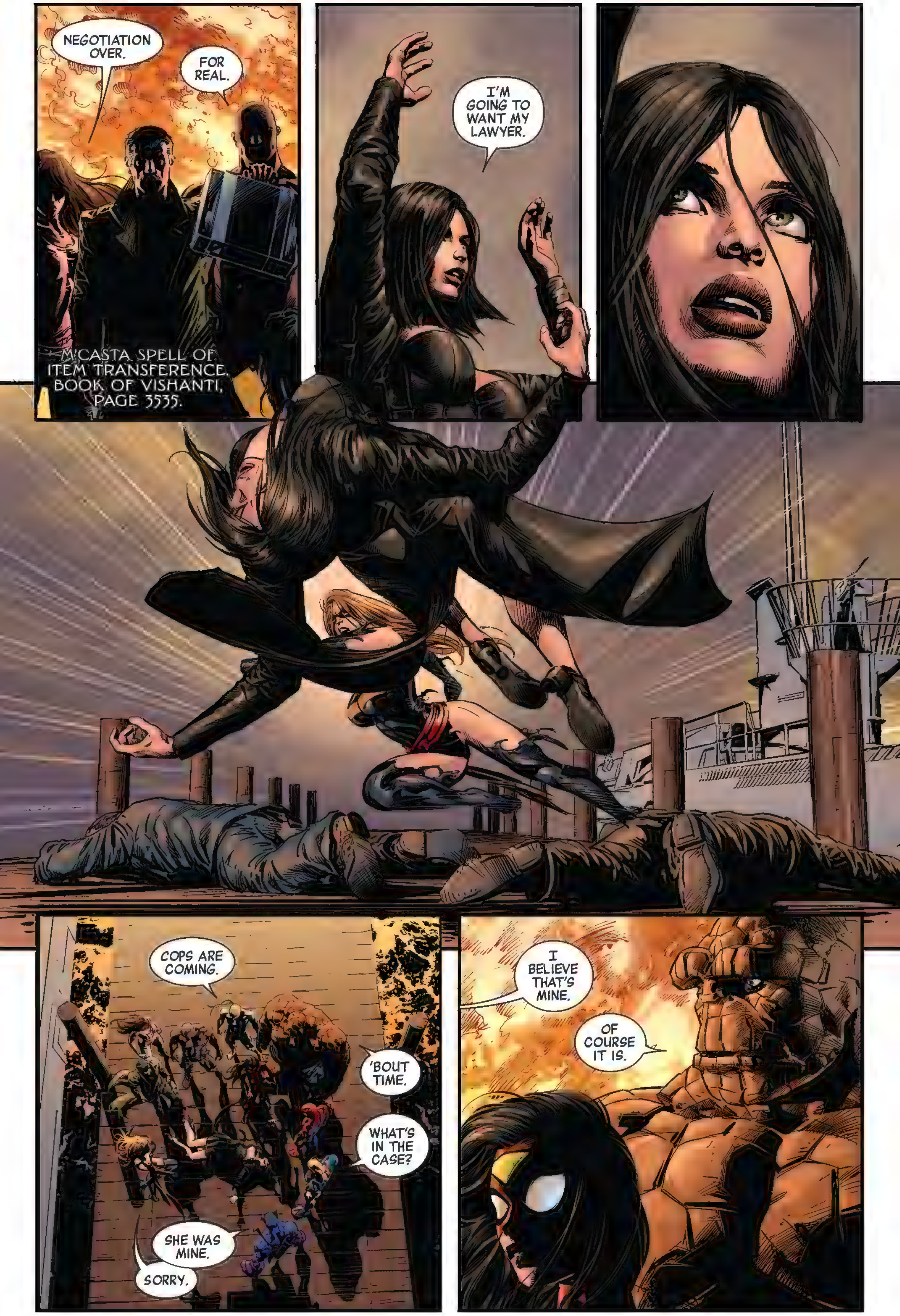
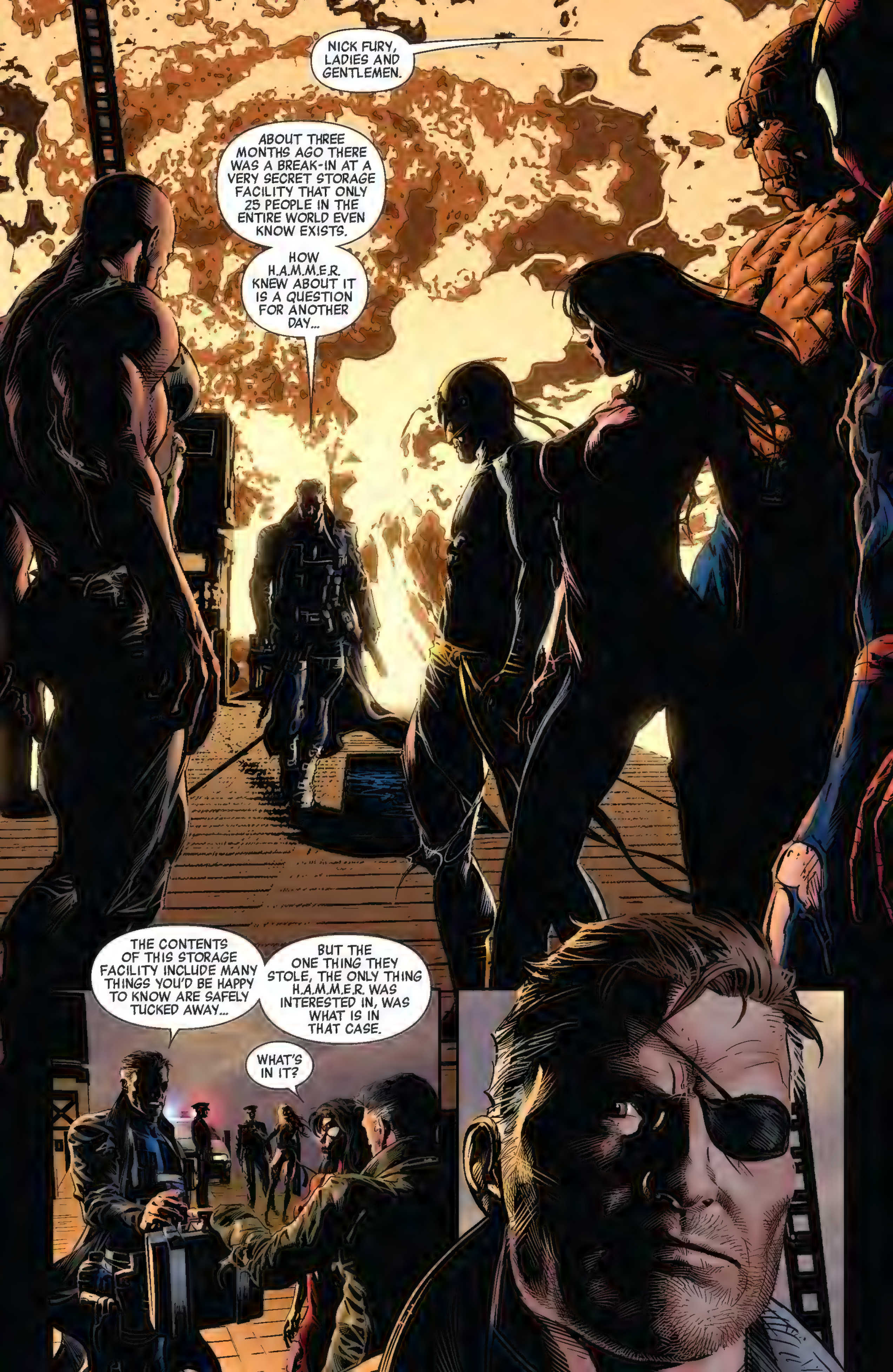
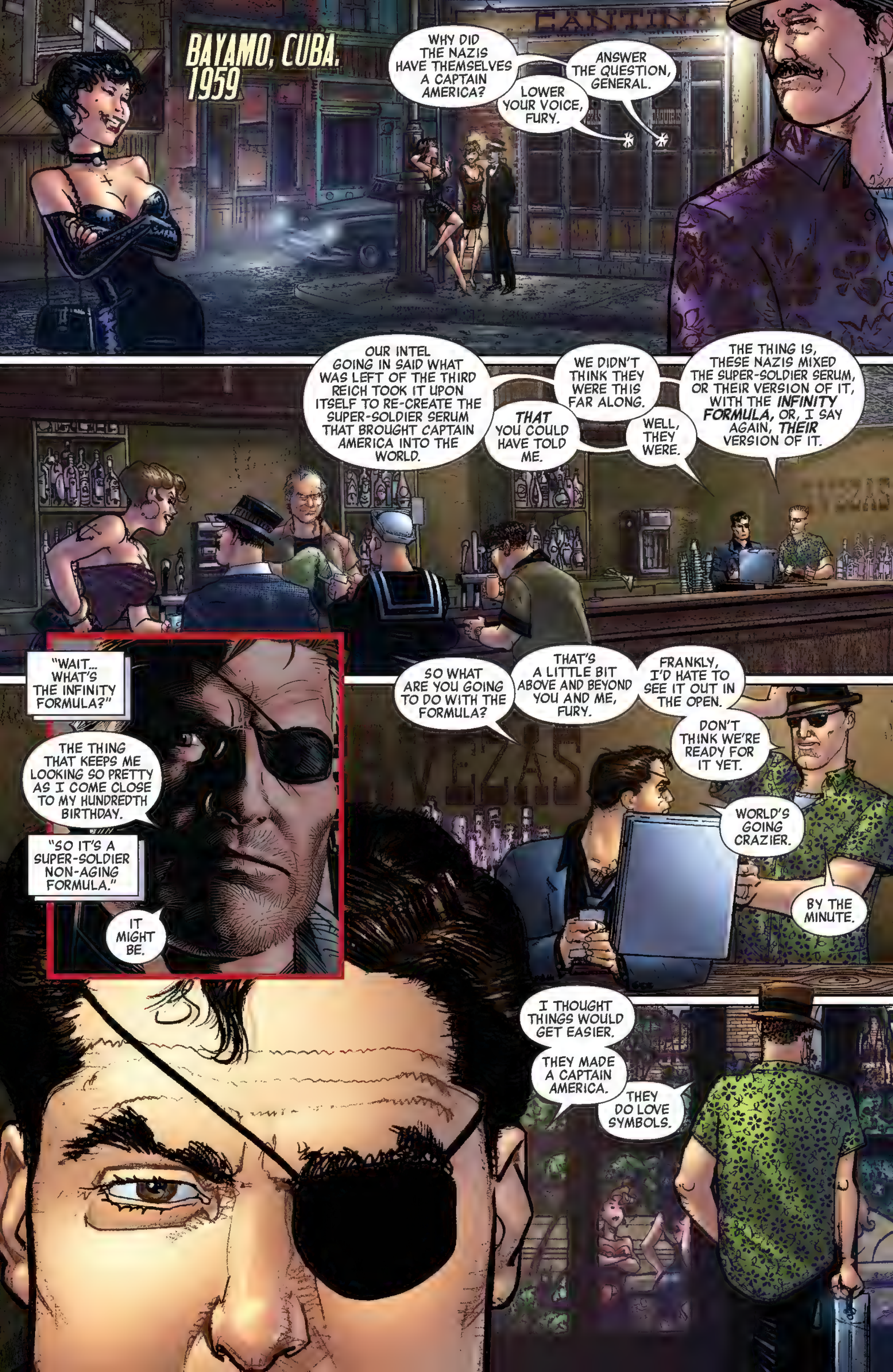

NEGOTIATION OVER.
FOR REAL.
M'CASTA SPELL OF ITEM TRANSFERENCE. BOOK OF VISHANTI, PAGE 3535.
I'M GOING TO WANT MY LAWYER.
COPS ARE COMING.
'BOUT TIME.
WHAT'S IN THE CASE?
SHE WAS MINE.
SORRY.
I BELIEVE THAT'S MINE.
OF COURSE IT IS.


NICK FURY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.
ABOUT THREE MONTHS AGO THERE WAS A BREAK-IN AT A VERY SECRET STORAGE FACILITY THAT ONLY 25 PEOPLE IN THE ENTIRE WORLD EVEN KNOW EXISTS.
HOW H.A.M.M.E.R. KNEW ABOUT IT IS A QUESTION FOR ANOTHER DAY...
THE CONTENTS OF THIS STORAGE FACILITY INCLUDE MANY THINGS YOU'D BE HAPPY TO KNOW ARE SAFELY TUCKED AWAY...
BUT THE ONE THING THEY STOLE, THE ONLY THING H.A.M.M.E.R. WAS INTERESTED IN, WAS WHAT IS IN THAT CASE.
WHAT'S IN IT?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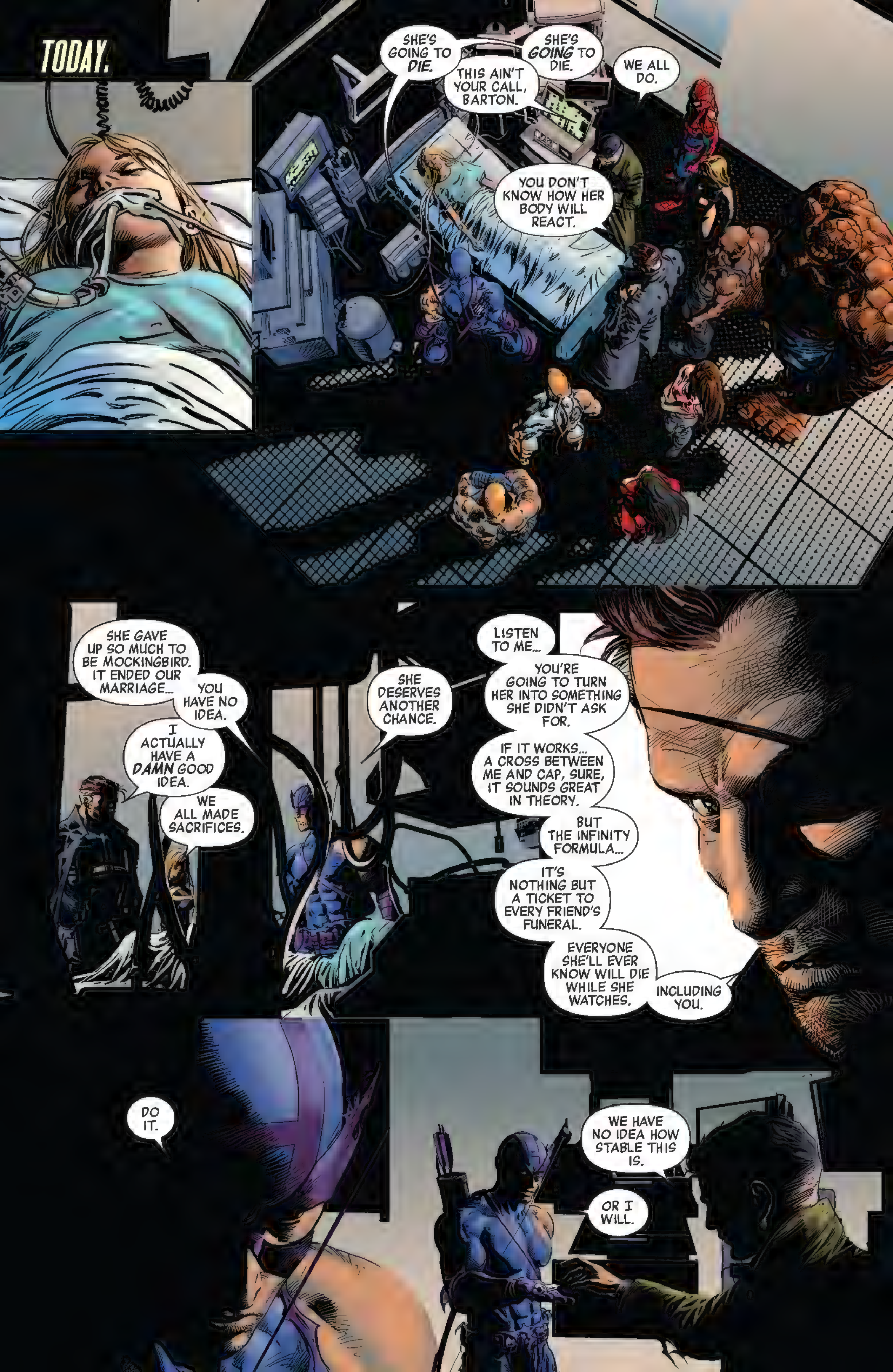
WHY DID THE NAZIS HAVE THEMSELVES A CAPTAIN AMERICA?
ANSWER THE QUESTION, GENERAL.
LOWER YOUR VOICE, FURY.
DAIQUIRIS
OUR INTEL GOING IN SAID WHAT WAS LEFT OF THE THIRD REICH TOOK IT UPON ITSELF TO RE-CREATE THE SUPER-SOLDIER SERUM THAT BROUGHT CAPTAIN AMERICA INTO THE WORLD.
WE DIDN'T THINK THEY WERE THIS FAR ALONG.
THAT YOU COULD HAVE TOLD ME.
WELL, THEY WERE.
THE THING IS, THESE NAZIS MIXED THE SUPER-SOLDIER SERUM, OR THEIR VERSION OF IT, WITH THE ***INFINITY FORMULA,*** OR, I SAY AGAIN, ***THEIR*** VERSION OF IT.
SO WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THE FORMULA?
THAT'S A LITTLE BIT ABOVE AND BEYOND YOU AND ME, FURY.
FRANKLY, I'D HATE TO SEE IT OUT IN THE OPEN.
DON'T THINK WE'RE READY FOR IT YET.
WORLD'S GOING CRAZIER.
BY THE MINUTE.
"WAIT... WHAT'S THE INFINITY FORMULA?"
THE THING THAT KEEPS ME LOOKING SO PRETTY AS I COME CLOSE TO MY HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY.
"SO IT'S A SUPER-SOLDIER NON-AGING FORMULA."
IT MIGHT BE.
I THOUGHT THINGS WOULD GET EASIER.
THEY MADE A CAPTAIN AMERICA.
THEY DO LOVE SYMBOLS.


TODAY.
SHE'S GOING TO DIE.
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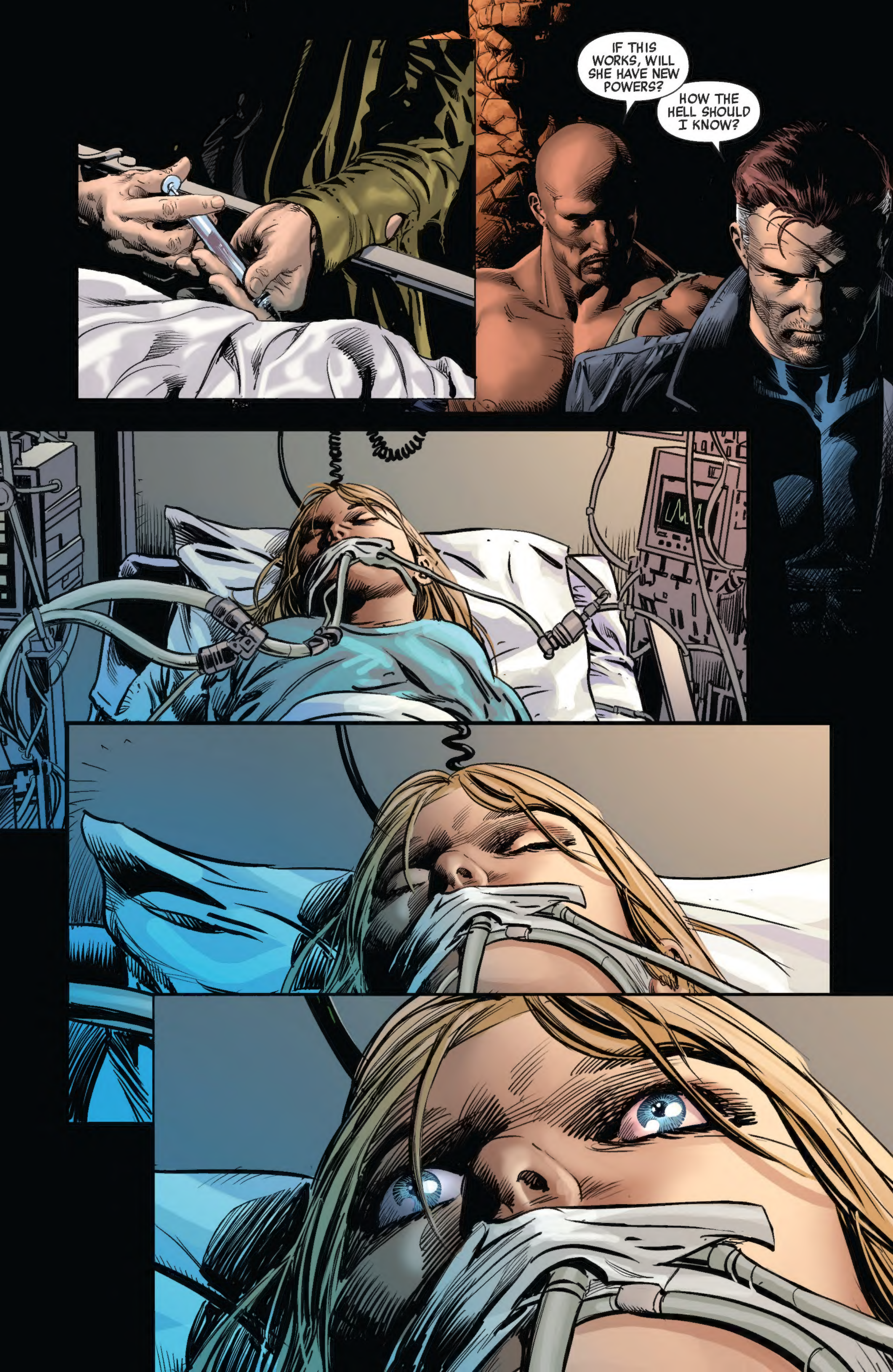
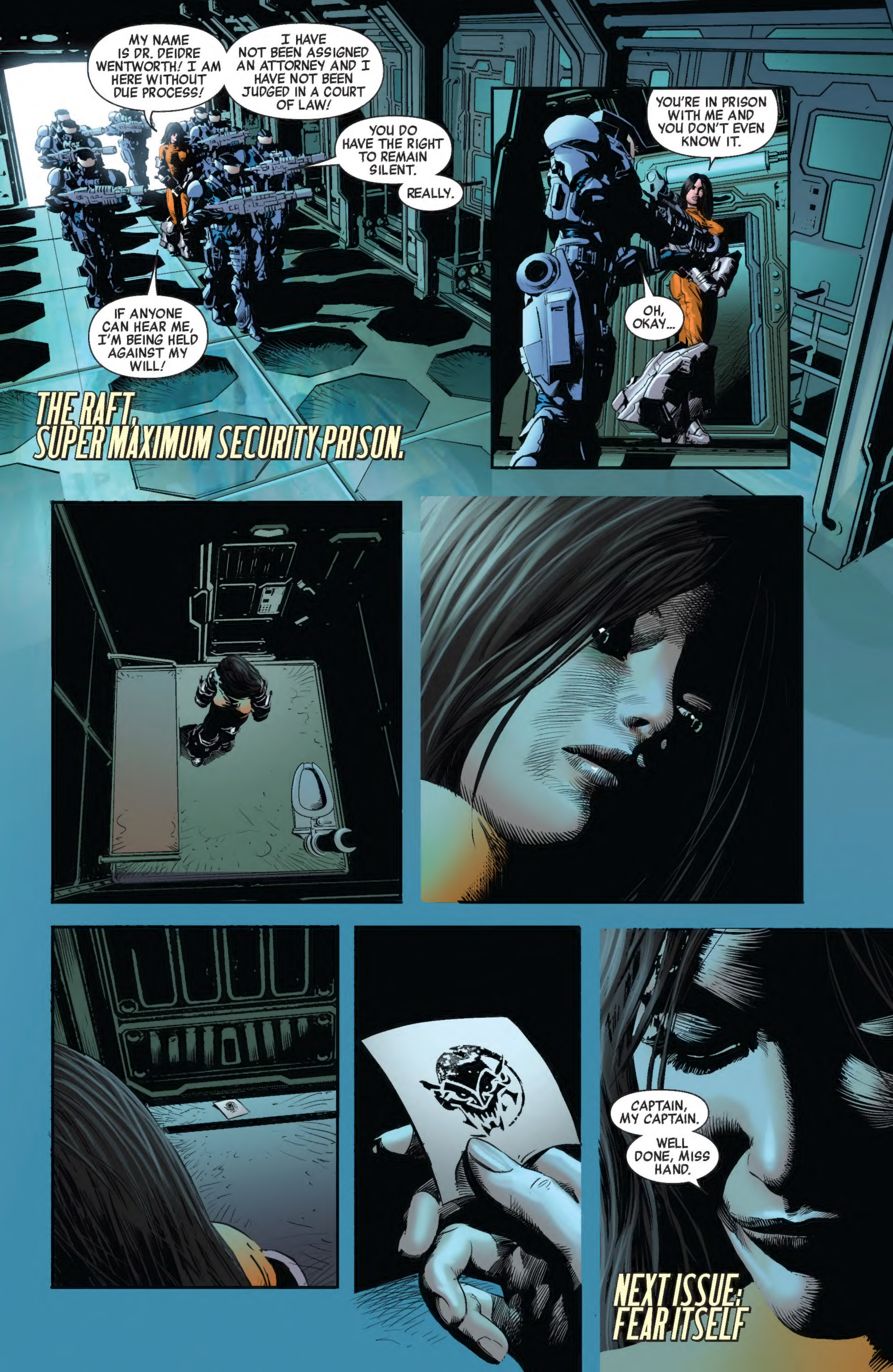
THIS AIN'T YOUR CALL, BARTON.
WE ALL DO.
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW HER BODY WILL REACT.
SHE GAVE UP SO MUCH TO BE MOCKINGBIRD. IT ENDED OUR MARRIAGE...
YOU HAVE NO IDEA.
I ACTUALLY HAVE A DAMN GOOD IDEA.
WE ALL MADE SACRIFICES.
SHE DESERVES ANOTHER CHANCE.
LISTEN TO ME...
YOU'RE GOING TO TURN HER INTO SOMETHING SHE DIDN'T ASK FOR.
IF IT WORKS... A CROSS BETWEEN ME AND CAP, SURE, IT SOUNDS GREAT IN THEORY.
BUT THE INFINITY FORMULA...
IT'S NOTHING BUT A TICKET TO EVERY FRIEND'S FUNERAL.
EVERYONE SHE'LL EVER KNOW WILL DIE WHILE SHE WATCHES.
INCLUDING YOU.
DO IT.
WE HAVE NO IDEA HOW STABLE THIS IS.
OR I WILL.


IF THIS WORKS, WILL SHE HAVE NEW POWERS?
HOW THE HELL SHOULD I KNOW?


MY NAME IS DR. DEIDRE WENTWORTH! I AM HERE WITHOUT DUE PROCESS!
I HAVE NOT BEEN ASSIGNED AN ATTORNEY AND I HAVE NOT BEEN JUDGED IN A COURT OF LAW!
YOU DO HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT.
REALLY.
IF ANYONE CAN HEAR ME, I'M BEING HELD AGAINST MY WILL!
THE RAFT, SUPER MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON.
YOU'RE IN PRISON WITH ME AND YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW IT.
OH, OKAY...
CAPTAIN, MY CAPTAIN.
WELL DONE, MISS HAND.
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